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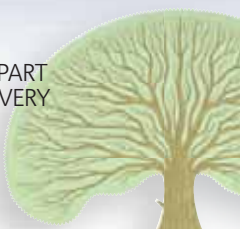
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Mayor Naheed Nenshi will host his first major campaign fundraiser at the EPCOR Centre in the Jack Singer lobby next month. Tickets are selling for \$450. KATIE TURNER/METRO

Ticket for mayor's
fundraiser set at
'rock star' price

Campaign kickoff.

Nenshi has yet to
officially launch his
campaign for 2013
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Supporters looking to contribute to Mayor Naheed Nenshi's 2013 campaign bid will have to fork over hundreds of dollars for his first major fundraising event.

On April 3, Nenshi will host a reception for those willing to pay \$450 per ticket in what his campaign team said is the first of many fundraising events to come.

Nenshi's chief of staff and campaign manager Chima

Nkemdirim said the mayor has stuck to his own proposals on campaign-finance reform.

"By this time, most candidates have already held several fundraisers," said Nkemdirim. "We've held zero. We hadn't raised a penny until November of last year."

He said that while this fundraiser is "targeted to a certain type of donor," it will be the only event of its kind and that the team plans to hold several fundraisers throughout the campaign.

"The mayor was really successful last time at raising money from \$5 donors and was quite successful at raising from the \$5,000 donors and the entire spectrum in between. This is one component of our strategy."

Ald. Andre Chabot, who's seeking re-election in Ward 10, will be hosting a fundrais-

ing reception, but with tickets selling for \$150.

"I don't know anybody that can afford a \$450 ticket, to be honest, other than people that I would call in the 'very rich' category," he said. "(Nenshi) must really be a rock star."

Nenshi is taking advantage of his popularity like any good politician would, according to Mount Royal University political science professor Keith Brownsey.

"If he stays true to Naheed Nenshi, he'll be back on Facebook, he'll be back using his Twitter account and all the rest of it," said Brownsey.

"That's just his character, that's his nature. He likes that kind of campaigning so I can't see anything changing."

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Fired zookeeper vows appeal

Unlatched door. Man recounts being bitten, dragged by silverback after gorillas escaped into kitchen



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Fired for leaving unlatched a door that allowed gorillas to gain entrance to an off-limits kitchen, a former keeper with the Calgary Zoo says he plans to appeal to get his job back.

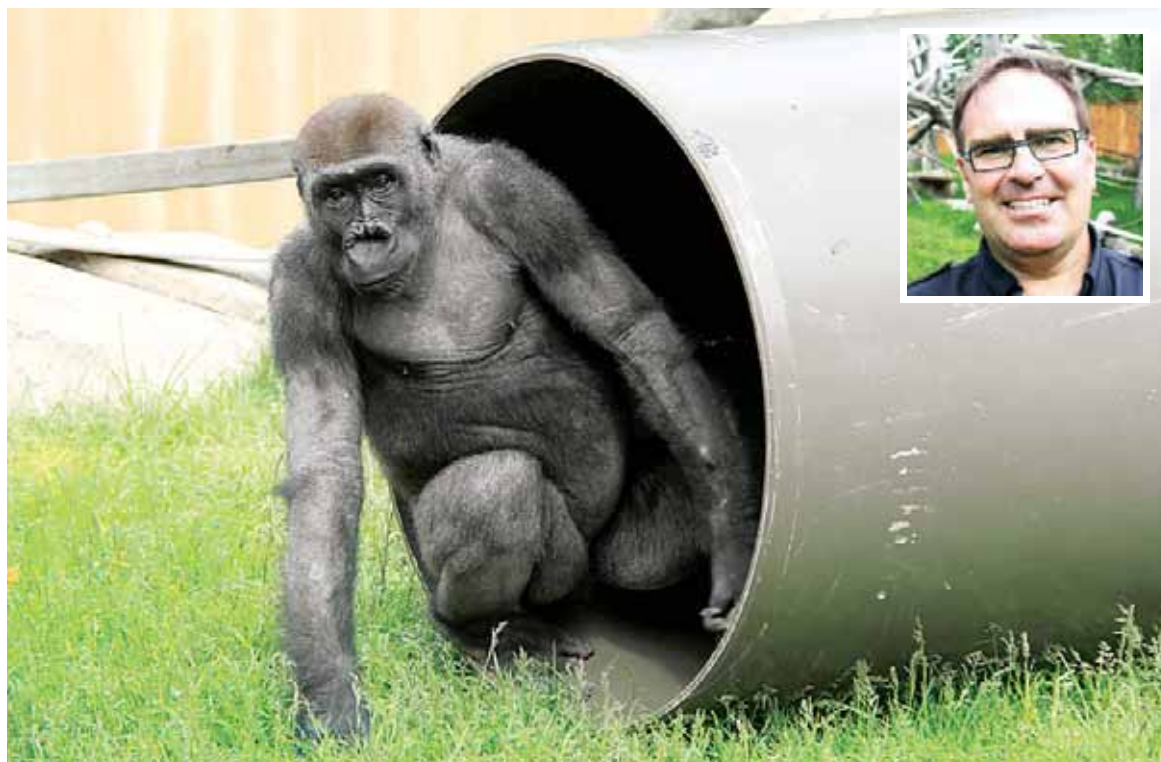
Garth Irvine had been doing regular tasks in his role at the zoo for nearly 25 years, but Friday morning he encountered a situation unlike any before.

The 49-year-old entered a staff kitchen next to the gorilla enclosure to find three female apes inside. He claims he moved quickly to usher them out of the area but in the process startled the troop's biggest gorilla, a silverback named Kakinga. Weight: roughly 455 pounds.

"He charged — and I had played it out in my mind a million times what would happen in a situation like that — he did exactly what I always thought he would do ... he pinned me down, he gave me a small bite, he flipped me over and dragged me about six feet and then he ran away," Irvine told Metro.

He then managed to get to his feet and radio for help. He estimates the situation was resolved in less than seven minutes.

But the zoo announced this week that it was firing the senior staff member, who had in the past taken



For 25 years, Garth Irvine, inset, has cared for gorillas like this one at the Calgary Zoo. Irvine was fired this week after a mistake that allowed three apes to gain access to a staff kitchen. METRO FILE

Gorillas in our midst

- The Sharing Stories of Calgary event, featuring longtime zookeeper Garth Irvine, runs from 6 to 9 p.m. on March 22 at the Old Y Centre (223 12th Ave. S.W.).

responsibility for leaving a knife inside the enclosure in 2009 that was then picked up by a western lowland gorilla named Barika. A photo of the primate holding the knife near a fellow enclosure mate got international headlines.

But a report by the Canadian Association of Zoos and Aquariums cleared the zoo of any wrongdoing.

Then, in 2010, Irvine also took the blame for an incident that saw two giant Malagasy hognose snakes slither down an uncovered drain. They were missing for nearly 24 hours before being found in good health.

Still, Irvine told Metro on Thursday that in an environment with so many moving parts, such as the zoo, mistakes are bound to happen.

"I would say absolutely everyone does make mistakes," he said. "The facility

is full of an amazing group of people that absolutely dedicate their lives to animals."

And that's why Irvine said he is planning to start an appeal process that will see the incident reviewed by the zoo's director of animal care, then CEO Dr. Clement Lanthier and, finally, the City of Calgary parks department.

But spokesperson Trish Exton-Parder said Thursday that the zoo had not received any notification of an appeal to date.

"That is confidential information anyway, but, no, we have heard nothing," she said.

Irvine said he's also exploring other opportunities, including a possible career as a public speaker. He is scheduled to give a recap of some of his favourite memories working with gorillas during a speaker series next week called Sharing Stories of Calgary.

"I enjoy them (gorillas) so much because I have tremendous empathy for them as a species," he said. "They're so much like us — they have so much personality and you develop individual relationships with these spectacular animals, and they challenge me."



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Tentative deal reached for province's teachers: Rep



Alberta Teachers' Association Calgary local president Frank Bruseker said Thursday that his organization's top officials are recommending a tentative deal on a provincial contract for educators. METRO FILE

Secrecy. Provincial representatives decline to comment after talk of agreement surfaces Thursday



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Officials have planned a news conference for Friday where it's expected the province and Alberta Teachers' Association will announce they have reached a tentative deal on a contract for 35,000 educators.

But officials from both sides of a long-standing cat-and-mouse game to hammer out a deal declined to comment late Thursday.

Calgary Public Teachers' Association president Frank

Bruseker, however, confirmed the Friday event and said he'd been called to an emergency meeting Saturday where he expected to be advised by provincial ATA executives to accept the terms.

"My understanding is a proposal was made and it's going to be recommended," he said.

The tentative agreement comes on the heels of particularly tense times between the ATA and provincial Education Minister Jeff Johnson, who had been openly exploring legislating a deal after more than two years of negotiations in an effort to "protect the classroom."

In contrast, the ATA's top officials had said they were ready to press ahead with local bargaining after turning down a deal late last month that would have seen salaries frozen for three years and a two per cent hike in the fourth year.

But ATA president Carol

Third side to provincial deal

- Even if local branches of the Alberta Teachers' Association accepted the deal, it would still require approval from 62 school boards in the province.
- Alberta School Boards Association president Jacquie Hansen said Thursday her group had only just begun evaluating the new deal.
- "I think by early next week we'll have a better grasp on it," she said.

Henderson deemed the deal "unacceptable," adding any provisions to address concerns over teacher workload were "full of loopholes."



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Public health. AHS reacts to climbing labour costs with administrative cuts

Alberta Health Services (AHS) announced measures to cut administration costs Thursday while also revealing its labour costs had jumped significantly.

Across the system, AHS spent \$54.99 per hour worked in the first three quarters of its 2012-13 fiscal year, up 8.3 per cent from the same period last year, according to a new report.

Board chair Stephen Lockwood said AHS has also "begun many administrative-cost-reduction measures," which will save \$35 million over the next three years.

"We know the direction we need to take, and there is no reason to wait until we get our budget finalized," Lockwood said, noting the board will approve a full budget in early April.

The province plans to boost AHS' current budget of \$12.7 billion by three per cent in 2013-14, which is less than the previously anticipated 4.5 per cent.

Overdue?

Wildrose health critic Heather Forsyth said AHS should have trimmed administrative spending years ago, as there are "layers of fat in the system."

Asked if that will result in layoffs, Lockwood said, "I don't expect the overall numbers of frontline workers to change very much."

Layoffs were mentioned in a letter to health-care staff from AHS CEO Dr. Chris Eagle, but in the context of reorganizing rather than losing staff.

The email reads, "A lay-off is often the first step in a process under our collective agreements to redeploy staff." It later adds, "Many of the staff changes ahead can be addressed through vacancy management, redeployment and scheduling changes."

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Lynx family makes a pair of rare public appearances



It's uncommon for these wild cats to get near visitors. ALEX TAYLOR/CONTRIBUTED

Banff National Park. Felines spotted by lucky park visitors



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For the second time in as many months, Parks Canada has photographed and filmed a lynx family in Banff National Park.

Earlier this month, resource-conservation specialist Alex Taylor captured some rare images of two lynx at Deer Lodge in the Lake Louise area.

The month prior, Taylor was able to photograph a female lynx and her cub climbing through a narrow space in a fence.

"This lynx family has been putting on quite the show this winter for a few incredibly fortunate park visitors," said Taylor in a release Thursday.

"Given their reclusive nature, we don't see them that often, so this winter has been pretty special."

According to Parks Canada, Taylor was able to photograph the mother lynx without disturbing her, as she sat almost motionless in front of a glass window for nearly 30 minutes.

"It is possible the adult lynx saw, in her own reflection, another lynx that she thought may have presented some sort of a threat to her kitten and she wanted to keep an eye on it," said Taylor.

Cloistered cats

"Given their reclusive nature, we don't see them that often, so this winter has been pretty special."

Conservation specialist Alex Taylor in a release



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Mother Leah Ironmonger and her daughter Ivy are seen in their northwest Calgary home. Ironmonger says problems with an income-support program run by the province could force the pair out on the street. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Mother facing eviction points finger at province

Income support. System to verify benefits qualification stuck in the stone age, Calgary woman claims



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Trying to get her life back in order, a Calgary mother says a program claiming to help people rejoin the workforce is doing nothing but make her want to quit.

Leah Ironmonger receives a few hundred dollars each month through an income-sup-

port program run by the provincial Alberta Works group, which she puts towards her \$1,150 monthly rent.

But the problem, she said, lies not in the funds provided, but in what she calls a delay that can span 4-5 days from the time she reports her hours worked to the time she receives payment. Ironmonger said this has caused repeated delays in paying her rent. The problem has escalated to the point legal action was taken by her landlord, looking for eviction.

"The threat of me and her ending up in a homeless shelter was very real," said Ironmonger, motioning to her three-year-old daughter Ivy. "Really, there's no incentive to work."

Ironmonger was forced to take a long-term leave from her job a few years ago after being diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder and anxiety. Over that time, her living costs were covered without any problems. Today, she's feeling better and attempting to jumpstart a career in nursing through part-time shift work, but says Alberta Works' employment verification process appears to be creating the holdup on benefits.

"I wonder, too, how many others are in the same situation," Ironmonger mused. "I mean, I really understand why people doing this have breakdowns."

The situation described by

Ironmonger has come to be known to Dr. Patricia Kostouros with Beyond Words Counseling & Consulting as "secondary wounding."

Often, people report that when they move to get out of the system, it's near impossible to do so," said the Calgary-based professional. "I don't think it's an unusual occurrence."

Brenda Wadey, area manager of communications and operations for the Alberta Human Services, could not comment on the specific case but said the verification process is undertaken to ensure clients are reporting their activities accurately and not bilking the system.

She added that in a case

where an income-support receiver's working hours fluctuates — such as Ironmonger's — a further level of due diligence is required.

"Someone who's employed, they would need to have their employer report how many hours they would be working and that it would fluctuate from week-to-week," Wadey said.

But Ironmonger said her employer has kept on top of things. "Essentially, if we get kicked out of here, we become someone else's problem — we will end up on the street or at an emergency shelter," she said. "I don't want that for myself and I certainly don't want that for Ivy."

Medical association

Docs' arbitration offer rejected

Health Minister Fred Horne rejected sending physician-fee negotiations to arbitration Thursday after the Alberta Medical Association said it would accept such a move in order to end a long-standing contract stalemate with the province.

"I don't see arbitration as an option," Horne told Metro shortly after AMA president Dr. Michael Giuffre published a letter saying physicians would support taking such a step.

Giuffre noted that consultants hired earlier in the year to facilitate negotiations have now recommended arbitration, if the province and AMA continued to be unable to reach an agreement.

But Horne said the idea is a non-starter, as last week's Alberta budget made it clear "there's no money for increases in public-sector compensation — and that includes doctors."

Horne has now asked Giuffre to have the AMA come up with "some options around how we live within our means" and present it to him after the organization's scheduled Representative Forum of physicians in Calgary this weekend. "We'll certainly consider any reasonable proposal," Horne said.

Giuffre, however, estimated the current budget would reduce physicians' take-home pay by more than 20 per cent by 2015-16, which he described as "devastating on the physician community."

The health minister dismissed that assertion.

"I have no idea where he would be coming up with that sort of a number," he said. **ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO**

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Fundraiser. Scholarship to honour wheelchair basketball player

Family and friends of a Calgary man killed while rock climbing are hoping his legacy will carry on through his alma mater.

Ranjit Sidhu, 31, died in July 2012 when he fell while rock climbing in Canmore with a friend and co-worker, who was also killed.

Bal Sull said they are hoping to carry on her brother's passionate involvement in the community through a scholarship at Mount Royal University.

"The scholarship will be awarded to students who display similar qualities to Ranjit, most importantly volunteer work," she said.

A benefit will be held on March 23 at MRU's campus bar The Hub beginning at 7 p.m., and Sull said they hope to raise \$20,000, which will go toward endowing the scholarship for years to come.

Although Sidhu was able-bodied, he played wheelchair basketball with the Calgary Grizzlies for more than a dec-



Family and friends of Ranjit Sidhu are raising funds for a scholarship in his name. FACEBOOK.COM

ade, and loved the sport, said Sull. The scholarship will be in partnership with the Grizzlies.

"It's something that keeps on giving on his behalf, and that's why it's really important. We really want to show how passionate he was," she said.

Tickets for the event can be purchased for \$20 in advance by calling 403-440-6517 or at the door. KATIE TURNER/METRO

POPES, PST, BIKE LANES: THE END IS NIGH



IN DEFENCE OF
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By now, you've likely noticed that zombies are currently experiencing something of a pop-cultural resurgence. I'm not usually a doomsday theorist, but what if all these movies and TV shows about the undead are really just preparing us for the inevitable?

Stay with me.

Well, if that were true, one of the first signs of the end of times would be an increase in strange or mysterious behaviour — which would explain why I needlessly spent hours glued to my TV this week watching the conclave choose a new pope. Truthfully, I don't even know what a conclave is and I can barely sit

through my friends' Catholic weddings, so why was I so enthralled with something that has nothing to do with me? It must be a sign.

Premier Redford has also been exhibiting suspicious behaviour. How else do you explain why she'd choose to create larger classrooms and burden students with even more debt, instead of just creating the PST that we had already come to terms with?

But the weird behaviour isn't just at the provincial level. Surely the fact that the City of Calgary is finally embracing separated bike lanes is a sign of the end of the world. There's simply no other explanation.

If we are indeed on the brink of a zombie apocalypse, in the coming months several events will give Calgarians ample opportunity to prepare. For those who

Night of the living cyclists

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like their zombies to have a little culture, Hit and Myth productions will soon be mounting a production of William Shakespeare's *Land of the Dead*. The play features William Shakespeare and Queen Elizabeth taking on undead walkers.

Looking for something a little more interactive? This summer, *Zombie Survivor*

will feature a five-kilometre run that takes you through an obstacle course — and it just happens to be filled with zombies. Tickets go on sale today, or if you want, you can sign up to be one of the zombies.

And if all else fails, we could just ask the professionals. April's Calgary Expo will feature several stars of the hugely popular series *The Walking Dead*. I mean, if they don't know how to fend off zombies, I don't know who will.

So what's my end-of-the-world strategy? Well, if I do have to take on the undead, I plan on setting myself up at the Crossroads Market, because if that place doesn't have what you need to ride out the end of the world, then we're all doomed.

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"Each year we keep refining our whole Safety Expo approach, and it seems to me that it just keeps getting bigger and bigger, with more and more displays and more partnerships," said Ald. Diane Colley-Urquhart, who has been the lead representative from city council for most of the Expo's existence.

More than 3,100 students

Quoted

"I just think that over the years there's been a greater awareness of public safety and what we need to do to take ownership and responsibility for ourselves."

Ald. Diane Colley-Urquhart

from Grade 4 to Grade 7 are expected to pack into the Calgary Municipal Building for this year's event, which began Thursday and continues Friday.

"When you bring kids down to the heart of the city, to city hall, it really elevates the sense of importance of what we're trying to apply to this," Colley-Urquhart said.

"Most of all, we just want the kids to have fun down



Ald. Diane Colley-Urquhart and Const. Patrick Kiez with a group of students from St. Elizabeth Seton School at the Calgary Safety Expo on Thursday.
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here and always have safety first in mind."

In addition to participating in the various interactive

booths, Tracy Bertsch, director of Animal and Bylaw Services, said the students came armed with some "tough

questions" this year.

"I had three kids come up to me and say, 'So, what do you do with those animals

once you put them in the truck. And how do you take care of them?'" she said.

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Current post-secondary transfer practices create 'tremendous waste'

Belt-tightening.

Student group says it has found the province \$78 million in savings

Students' advocates are pushing a plan they say would save Albertans tens of millions of dollars just as the province moves to trim waste at post-secondary institutions.

The Alberta Students Executive Council recently published calculations in an executive summary indicating roughly \$78 million is wasted each year because of poor transfer policies for learners moving between institutions.

"Essentially one-in-three (students transferring) have to retake courses," said Matthew Armstrong, chair of the council and a member of SAIT's Students' Association. "With that, you often have to take an entire year of courses just to

System changes

- Advanced Education Minister Thomas Lukaszuk has said each of Alberta's 26 institutions will be provided a mandate letter outlining its role in the sector. He has also said some programs being offered by multiple venues will be combined.

- Ministry spokesperson Karin Campbell said transfer policies are currently being analyzed to determine possible efficiencies as well as options to allow students to take a course at two institutions simultaneously.

complete your program."

But even if just one extra semester is required, ASEC has determined that the combined cost of tuition, non-in-

structional fees, supplies and living expenses costs students retaking courses a total of \$37 million annually. Another \$41 million is kicked in by the taxpayer through public funds funnelled down into advanced education by the provincial government.

All in all, the group believes the costs amount to "tremendous waste."

"Some of it is too focused on learning outcomes.... We talked about the economic impact," Armstrong said. "People in school do not give a whole lot to economy — we want those students trained, educated and back in the workforce."

The calculations come as the post-secondary structure faces what some officials have warned will be a significant restructuring in the wake of a 6.8 per cent cut to provincial grants outlined in last week's provincial budget.

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Mock 'no-prosecution' coupons draw fire

Alberta's justice minister is demanding an apology from the Opposition Wildrose for distributing tongue-in-cheek coupons informing wannabe scofflaws that their first crime is on the house.

"It's childish and I think that whoever did them needs to apologize," Jonathan Denis said on Thursday. "It's a patent abuse of taxpayer dollars."

Wildrose critic Shayne Sas-



The mock coupon THE CANADIAN PRESS/HO

kiw said the coupons are a lighthearted attempt to draw

attention to a serious policy change in the Justice Department that was announced in last week's budget. First-time petty crime offenders — such as vandals and shoplifters — are to be redirected to alternative measures programs as a way to rehabilitate them and free up court resources to pursue more serious offenders.

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Post-secondary sector

Mount Royal suspends first program in wake of cuts

Officials at a Calgary university have moved to suspend one program and it's expected others will follow suit after the province announced what many described as significant cuts to the post-secondary sector last week.

An email obtained by Metro late Thursday from Mount Royal University dean Jeff Goldberg indicates the Bachelor of Engineering Uni-

versity Transfer Program has been suspended.

"Although the details are not finalized, students currently in the program will have one or two years to complete their course, however no new students will be admitted into the program for 2013-14," Goldberg wrote in the email late Thursday afternoon.

Mount Royal President David Docherty claimed in an email last week the institution's grant funding was taking a 7.2 per cent cut — a turnaround year-over-year of more than nine per cent considering the province had previously committed to a two per cent increase.

A spokesperson for Docherty said he was away on a personal matter and not available to comment.

Goldberg stressed in the email that the program suspension didn't necessarily mean faculty would lose their positions.

When reached for comment late Thursday, university faculty association president Gerry Cross said the cuts were detrimental to student choice.

"This (program) is so what Mount Royal was about," he said. "These university transfer programs are for students who could not get accepted into the University of Calgary."

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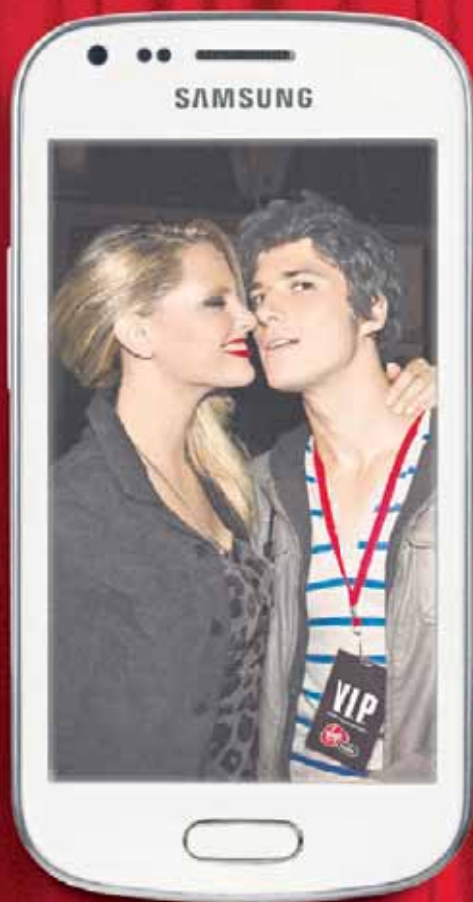
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B.C. government misused resources and staff: Review

Liberals. The plan to win the ethnic vote in this May's election was leaked this month and has forced Clark to apologize several times

The line between working for the B.C. government and the provincial Liberal party was clearly crossed in an effort to win ethnic votes in the upcoming provincial election, said a report released Thursday.

The review conducted by Premier Christy Clark's deputy minister found "serious" misuse of government resources.

The damning report by John Dyble comes on the final day of the legislative session and two months before the provincial election.

It found that former Lib-



B.C. Premier Christy Clark
CHAD HIPOLITO/THE CANADIAN PRESS

eral government communications official Brian Bonney worked for both the government caucus and the Liberal party while he was being paid as a government employee.

Dyble said at least half of Bonney's time was spent

doing work for the Liberal party on the ethnic-outreach strategy.

"Brian Bonney did not create a clear distinction between his volunteer role with the B.C. Liberal Party and his role in the government," said the report. "Based on evidence, it would appear to a reasonable person that he may have spent up to half of his time on partisan activities. This ... amounts to a serious breach of the standards of conduct."

Bonney no longer works for the government, but Finance Ministry officials said he was paid \$124,000 during the period from October 2011 to Feb. 21, 2013. Clark met with the media after the report's release and said the B.C. Liberal Party has written a \$70,000 cheque to the government to repay some of the work Bonney did on government time.

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Index. Canada out of top 10 most-developed countries

Canada has slipped out of the top 10 countries listed in the annual United Nations human-development index — a far cry from the 1990s, when it held first place for most of the decade.

The 2013 report, which reviews a country's performance in health, education and income, places Canada in 11th place versus 10th last year.

A closer look shows Canada actually did better than last year, but other countries such as Japan and Australia improved at a greater rate.

When the numbers are ad-

justed for gender inequality, Canada slumps to 18th place. The U.S. fares even worse — sinking from third to 42nd place.

But the main finding of the report, entitled *The Rise of the South*, is positive. It says countries that had previously struggled with poverty and inequality are now on a steady developmental climb.

Even the countries at the bottom of the list, Niger and the Democratic Republic of Congo, are among those who showed the greatest improvement.

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Canada is in 11th place on the UN's development index. The Rise of the South report has better news, though, for developing countries. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

My health or no health?

Disgruntled senior allegedly makes bomb threat

The RCMP allege an elderly woman called a bomb threat in to a health centre in Penticton, B.C., because she was angry her appointment had been changed.

Police say the woman called the centre Thursday morning and falsely claimed there was a bomb set to go off inside. The centre was evacuated, but no devices were found.

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Quebec

SNC-Lavalin gave illegal contributions

Canada's largest engineering company has admitted it participated in illegal political financing. A vice-president at SNC-Lavalin testified Thursday at Quebec's corruption inquiry, saying dozens of execs, and sometimes spouses, donated just over \$1 million to the Quebec Liberal party and the Parti Québécois from 1998 to 2010. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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U.S. School gunman was interested in other mass murders: Source

The young man who killed 26 people at a Connecticut school last year showed interest in other mass killings, people close to the investigation told The Associated Press.

The 20-year-old gunman, Adam Lanza, killed his mother at their home before killing 20 children and six staff members on Dec. 14. He killed himself as police arrived.

Authorities found literature on other mass shootings at Lanza's house, according

to a law enforcement official briefed on the investigation. Another person familiar with the investigation said Lanza showed an interest in other mass murders. They spoke on condition of anonymity because the investigation is continuing.

The shootings revived the gun-control debate in the U.S. and led to proposals for universal background checks on gun buyers and bans on assault weapons. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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NFL urged to look into alleged sexual orientation queries

N.Y. attorney general speaks out. NFL spokesperson says discrimination is not tolerated in the league

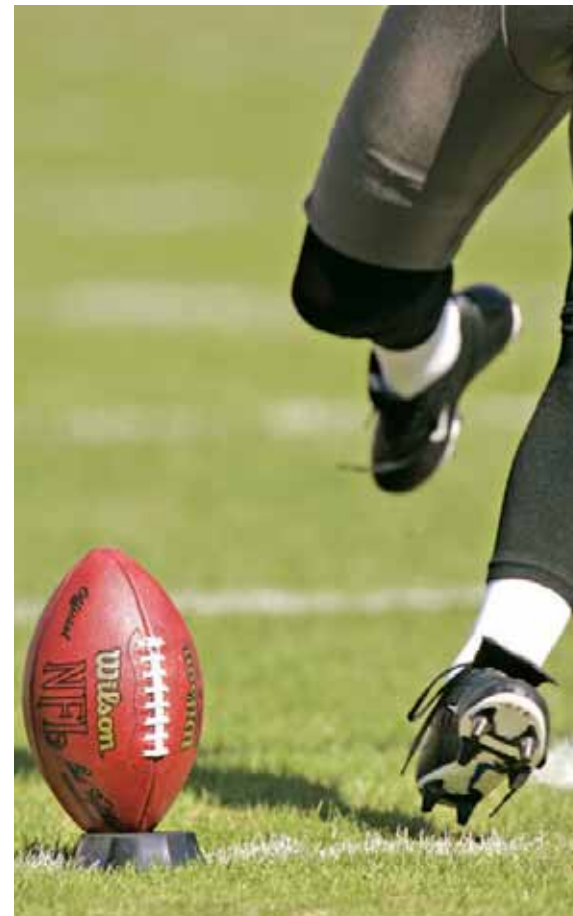
New York state's top legal official asked the NFL on Tuesday to investigate whether potential players were improperly asked about their sexual orientation during the league's annual skills exhibition for incoming college players, which he said is illegal in New York.

Attorney General Eric Schneiderman asked National Football League Commissioner Roger Goodell to schedule a meeting on the matter.

"We ask that the league immediately issue a statement that any form of discrimination or harassment on the basis of sexual orientation by league teams or players against potential recruits or players constitutes a violation of state, local and, in some cases, contractor law and will not be tolerated," Schneiderman said in a letter dated Thursday and released to news organizations.

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said the league was already looking into the issue and would discuss it at its meeting next week in Phoenix, Ariz.

"Like all employers, our teams are expected to follow applicable federal, state and local employment laws," the NFL said in a Feb. 27 statement. "It is league policy to neither consider nor inquire



The NFL says questions about a prospective player's sexual orientation are contrary to the league's policy and violate the player's rights. GETTY IMAGES FILE

about sexual orientation in the hiring process. In addition, there are specific protections in our collective bargaining agreement with the players that prohibit discrimination against any player, including on the

basis of sexual orientation."

It concluded: "Any team or employee that inquires about impermissible subjects or makes an employment decision based on such factors is subject to league discipline."

'Do you have a girlfriend?'

"(Teams) ask you, like, 'Do you have a girlfriend?' 'Are you married?' 'Do you like girls?'" Colorado tight end Nick Kasa said last month during an ESPN Radio interview.

- He did not identify who asked him.
- Since then, Michigan's Denard Robinson and Michigan State's Le'Veon Bell have both indicated that they were asked similar questions.

Schneiderman reminded Goodell that discrimination based on sexual orientation is illegal in New York and in at least 23 other states where the NFL's 32 teams are based.

In February, DeMaurice Smith, the head of the NFL Players Association, said in a statement that "I know that the NFL agrees that these types of questions violate the law, our CBA and player rights."

The question of NFL players being openly gay became a hot topic before this year's annual Super Bowl championship, when a San Francisco 49ers player made remarks about gays that were called offensive, for which he later apologized.

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Harper pondering next steps in Mali

Prime minister weighing the options.
Senior aide says Canada leaning towards giving humanitarian aid over military assistance

Quote

"We will certainly be providing development and humanitarian assistance."

Prime Minister Stephen Harper on the type of support Canada will be providing Mali

Prime Minister Stephen Harper is leaning towards development assistance for Mali rather than a further military contribution as he consults with cabinet and opposition parties on Canada's next steps, says a senior aide.

Harper faces a decision in the coming months on a further military contribution be-

cause France is pushing for a possible United Nations peacekeeping mission for Mali so its forces can be brought home.

Harper said Thursday during a press conference with the visiting French Prime Minister Jean-Marc Ayrault that Canada's contribution to the Mali military mission, a C-17 military transport, "will remain

there as long as we feel there is a need."

Afterwards, a senior aide to Harper, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to discuss the file publicly, said the contribution of the C-17 and its support personnel would be limited to "weeks, not months."

Harper does not want to see Canadian peacekeepers deployed to Mali and is more interested in looking at the option of humanitarian assistance and development, the aide said.

Harper again stressed Thursday that Canada is not interested in sending combat troops to Mali. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Funding irregularities

Conservative minister Peter Penashue resigns

Conservative cabinet minister Peter Penashue has resigned his seat in the House of Commons and says he'll run again in Labrador in an effort to clear the air over election funding irregularities.

Penashue says an "inexperienced volunteer" in his organization — his official agent — was responsible for accepting illegal campaign donations during the 2011 election. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Reality TV. B.C. families of migrant workers deplore 'American-style' raids

Tearful families and immigration activists have demanded an end to what they call "American-style tactics" by officers who patrol Canada's borders and police immigration.

Protesters gathered outside the glass doors of Vancouver's federal immigration offices on Thursday, deploring a series of raids at construction job sites where border-services agents rounded up immigrant workers who lacked proper work permits.

They allege the Can-

ada Border Services Agency brought in film crews to document surprise blitzes against the workers for a reality TV show, called Border Security.

Harsha Walia, with the group No One Is Illegal, called the raids alarming. She said they are reminiscent of similar mass raids south of the border.

"From what we know, there were at least three raids that happened (Wednesday) at construction sites across Vancouver," Walia said.

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A graffiti artist paints a peace slogan on a road in the Kibera slum of Nairobi, Kenya, on March 9. Tribal lines are being drawn on social media over who won Kenya's presidential election. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Social media gets nasty after Kenya's election

Online battle. The country sees tribal words of war erupt on Twitter, Facebook after peaceful presidential election

Tribal lines are being drawn over who won Kenya's presidential election. But unlike the bloody violence that scarred the country five years ago, this time the only fighting is online.

Machete strikes and bows and arrows are being replaced by bitter tweets and angry status updates.

The exchange of barbs between supporters of Deputy Prime Minister Uhuru Kenyatta — who was named the winner of the March 4 election with 50.07 per cent of the vote — and his closest competitor, Prime Minister Raila Odinga, has degenerated into expletive-filled fights in social media that have the government worried.

The Ministry of Information and Communications said this week that it has been unable to contain "the ugly messages of hate and negative ethnicity" online. It said many of the messages qualify as hate speech.

Some officials worry that the virtual feuding could trigger real-life fighting.

"The outrage is becoming wider and the tension is palpable. It's going to erode all our efforts of building national cohesion," Milly Lwanga, vice-chair of the government-funded National Cohesion and Integration Commission, told The Associated Press on Thursday. "The buildup of tension — it's like a room where gas is leaking slowly and then eventually there will be something small to ignite it and people will wonder where the explosion came from."

After Kenya's disputed presidential vote in late 2007, Odinga's supporters took to the streets. Tribal violence erupted, resulting in the deaths of more than 1,000 people.

Odinga's camp said the prime minister will file a petition with the Supreme Court on Friday to overturn the election results. Odinga alleges the election was rigged.

"We are dealing with criminals who should not be in State House but in prison," Odinga said Thursday of his

opponents. But, significantly, he is urging his supporters to stay calm as his case is heard in court.

No major violence has been reported, but the interactions are ugly online. Ethnic allegiances are exposed and ridiculed. Kenyatta's tribe — the Kikuyus — and Odinga's tribe — the Luos — clashed violently five years ago.

"Mmm! Kikuyus r thieves by default. There is nowhere on the planet earth, where a kikuyu works without stealing. Its embedded in their DNA. Kill all of them n Kenya will be a pleasant country to live in," a post on Facebook by one user, Phil Miser, read.

A user named Susan Karanja replied to the tribal taunt from Miser: "We may be thieves but we are also enterprising. No wonder we employ u to use (your) brains in our jobs coz u dont use (yours) to better (your) lives n that's the way it is. We run u not vice versa so swallow it."

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Venting on the web

- One popular online forum in Kenya, mashada.com, was taken offline before the election, presumably because of hate-filled postings on the site.
- Research published last year by Kenya-based Portland Communications and Twitter found that Kenyans use Twitter more than any country on the continent except for South Africa.

Pope Francis puts humility on display

First day. The new Pope eschews the ceremonial trappings of his predecessor

Pope Francis put his humility on display during his first day as pontiff on Thursday, stopping by his hotel to pick up his luggage and pay the bill himself in a decidedly different style of papacy than his tradition-minded predecessor, who tended to stay ensconced in the frescoed halls of the Vatican.

The break from Benedict XVI's pontificate was evident even in Francis's wardrobe choices: He kept the simple iron pectoral cross of his days as bishop and eschewed the red cape that Benedict wore when he was presented to the world for the first time in

2005 — choosing instead the simple white cassock of the papacy.

And in his first mass as pope, Francis showed how different he would be as a pastor, giving an off-the-cuff homily about the need to walk with God, build up His church and confess — at one point referring to children building sandcastles on the beach.

It was a far simpler message than the dense, three-page discourse Benedict delivered in Latin during his first mass as pope in 2005.

The difference in style was a sign of Francis's belief that the Catholic Church needs to be at one with the people it serves and not impose its message on a society that often doesn't want to hear it, Francis's authorized biographer, Sergio Rubin, said in an interview on Thursday.

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What's in a face: Mexico-based facial-communication psychologist Miriam Cervantes Rodriguez analyzes the new pontiff's visage

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Eyebrows

Observer. Close to the eyes, which denotes that he keeps himself focused, with sustained attention. Very observant.

Eyelashes

Apprehensive. Small and thin. Indicate nervousness.

Ears

Analytical. Low, large and open: Key for decision-making that requires repeated analysis of information. Has a lot of physical energy.

Chin

Intense. Shows its intensity to achieve objectives; does not cave to pressure and can be aggressive if necessary.



Frontal sinuses

Innovative. Shows rich imagination, ingenuity and initiative. Creative, active, selective and, in general, of optimistic nature.

Irises

Emotional. Wide, a lot of expression in the eyes, which signifies an openness to emotional exchange.

Mouth

Discreet. Large with thin lips. Denotes the gift of the word, great charisma and discretion when talking about personal matters.

Jawline

Strong. Large and reflects that the Pope is faithful to his principles and tends not to bend his attitude to new ideas.

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Syrian civil war. Assad preparing to use chemical weapons: Israeli chief

Syria's embattled president, Bashar al-Assad, is preparing to use chemical weapons, Israel's military intelligence chief says.

Maj. Gen. Aviv Kochavi told a security conference in the coastal town of Herzliya that Assad is stepping up his offensive against rebels trying to oust him.

Kochavi claims Assad is making advanced preparations to use chemical weapons, but has not given the order to deploy them.

He did not disclose information about why he thinks Assad is preparing to use them.

Israel has long expressed concerns that Assad's stockpile of chemical weapons could end up in the hands of groups hostile to Israel like Hezbollah or al-Qaida inspired organizations.



Syrian President Bashar al-Assad
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Israel has kept out of Syria's civil war, but it is concerned that violence could spill over the border into northern Israel.

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Bin Laden raid. Pakistani health workers accused of CIA collusion reinstated

A Pakistani court Thursday reinstated 17 health workers who were fired last year for allegedly participating in a CIA scheme to confirm the presence of Osama bin Laden in a town in northwest Pakistan, a defence lawyer said.

Lawyer Javed Awan said the court order affected 16 women and one man whom a government health department suspended last year for failing to inform authorities about Pakistani doctor Shakil Afridi's fake vaccination campaign. The health workers insist they did not know Afridi was work-

ing for the CIA.

The campaign aimed to collect blood samples from bin Laden's family to show that the al-Qaida leader was in the northern town of Abbottabad, where he was later killed in a U.S. raid in May 2011. Pakistan strongly protested the raid, considering it a violation of the country's sovereignty.

Awan said the 17 had been directed by senior health officials to participate in the vaccination campaign, and that they were innocent of wrongdoing.

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Khmer Rouge co-founder dies

War crimes. Former foreign minister of brutal regime was facing charges of genocide

Ieng Sary, who co-founded the communist Khmer Rouge regime responsible for the deaths of an estimated 1.7 million Cambodians in the 1970s, and who decades later became one of its few leaders to be put on trial, died on Thursday before his case could be finished. He was 87.

Sary was the brother-in-law of the late Khmer Rouge leader Pol Pot. His death dashed hopes that he would be punished for his crimes during the darkest chapter in his country's history.

Chea Leang, a co-prosecutor at the Cambodian-international tribunal that had been trying Sary, said he died of cardiac failure. The trial began in late 2011 with four defendants and now has only two.

Ieng Sary had suffered from high blood pressure and heart problems and had been admitted to a Phnom Penh hospital on March 4 with weakness and severe fatigue.

There are fears that the two remaining former Khmer Rouge leaders still on trial, both in their 80s, could also die before justice is served. Ieng Sary's wife, former social affairs minister Ieng Thirith, also was charged but was ruled unfit to stand trial last year because she suffers from demen-



Cambodian military officials line up by pictures of the top Khmer Rouge leaders, which include, on the far right, former foreign minister Ieng Sary, during a UN-backed war-crimes tribunal in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, in 2011. HENG SINITH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Unfinished business

"This trial was held 30 years too late."

Elizabeth Becker, author of *When the War Was Over*, a history of modern Cambodia

tia, likely Alzheimer's disease.

"We are disappointed that we could not complete the proceeding against Ieng Sary," tribunal spokesman Lars Olsen said, adding that the case against chief Khmer Rouge ideologist Nuon Chea and former head of state Khieu Samphan would not be affected.

Ieng Sary founded the Khmer Rouge with Pol Pot.

The regime, which ruled Cambodia from 1975 to 1979, claimed it was building a pure socialist society by evicting people from cities to work in labour camps in the countryside. Its radical policies led to the deaths of an estimated 1.7 million people from starvation, disease, overwork and execution.

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Khmer Rouge rise

The Khmer Rouge came to power through a civil war that toppled a U.S.-backed government.

- Ieng Sary helped persuade hundreds of Cambodian intellectuals to return home from overseas to help the new regime.
- The returnees were arrested and put in "re-education camps," and most were later executed.

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Stranded. Carnival to fly passengers home after cruise cut short

Passengers from the Carnival Dream were heading to the airport Thursday instead of sailing home after an on board generator problem halted their trip in the latest maintenance headache for the world's largest cruise line.

The Dream was in St. Maarten on the final stop of a Caribbean cruise when the crew announced they would not be sailing home to Port Canaveral, Fla., because of a mechanical issue with a diesel generator, passengers said.

Carnival Cruise Lines said the Dream had a "technical issue," with its backup emergency diesel generator that was discovered during a test on Wednesday. A company statement said the ship did not lose power.

Carnival said all systems were functioning normally Thursday but the company had decided to make flight arrangements for the passengers to return home by air.

Passengers strolling about the Dutch Caribbean town of

The Dream

The Carnival Dream was on a seven-day cruise of the Caribbean with 3,646 passengers.

- The ship's March 16 voyage from Port Canaveral has been cancelled.
- An engine fire crippled sister-ship Carnival Triumph in February, leaving 4,200 stranded for five days without working toilets or power.

Philipsburg said the power and water were out for 10-20 minutes, contradicting media reports of longer outages and unsanitary conditions.

"We have toilets. We have water. It's no different than a regular day at sea," said Tasha Larson, after disembarking with her boyfriend to spend the day in St. Maarten.

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Orangutans get a little help from friends

Activists dressed as orangutans hold posters outside the presidential palace in Jakarta, Indonesia, on Thursday during a protest demanding that Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono take immediate action to save orangutans. Orangutan populations in Indonesia's Borneo and Sumatra islands are facing severe threats from habitat loss, illegal logging, fires and poaching. DITA ALANGKARA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Triumph. Passengers from Texas file lawsuit

A federal lawsuit has been filed seeking damages for 17 people who were passengers last month on the crippled Carnival Triumph cruise ship.

The plaintiffs in the suit filed Thursday are all Texas residents who claim they were physically harmed and fearful for their lives. The ship cruises out of the Port of Galveston.

The suit is at least the fourth to be filed against Miami-based Carnival Cruise Lines. A prior one is seeking class-action status for more than 3,000 passengers aboard when an engine fire cut off all power and left them at sea for five days. Passengers say they endured food shortages, raw sewage running in corridors and tent cities for sleeping on deck.

The latest suit argues that Carnival overreaches in protecting itself against liability. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Go way back with Mitochondrial DNA



A researcher at the lab at Lakehead University's Paleo-DNA laboratory.
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Who can benefit from mtDNA?

The answer may surprise you.

- It's not just living people who can have mtDNA testing done. The Paleo-DNA laboratory at Lakehead University is often tasked with testing degraded archeological material dug up at ancient burial sites around the world.
- Stephen Fratpietro, the lab's technical manager, said because mtDNA is the most

plentiful type of DNA, it is usually all that's left to answer many of the questions archeologists have about their discoveries.

- "The mitochondrial DNA can tell us whether the two individuals found in the same burial are related maternally or not ... and we kind of tell roughly where these people originated from in the world," he explained.

Research. DNA serves as an important and interesting research tool in discovering where your ancestors were really from

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Digging through family records and talking to grandpa are good sources for starting a family tree. But to go a little further back — say 100,000 years — everything you want to know is already inside of you.

Well, it's in your mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA), to be more precise, and researchers at Lakehead University's Paleo-DNA laboratory in Thunder Bay, Ont., can use it to trace lineage way, way back.

"We deal with deep ancestry here," explained Stephen Fratpietro, the lab's technical manager.

"Basically your mitochondrial DNA can date back anywhere from 10,000 years ago to 120,000 years ago ... so you can find out things like if you came right from Africa or somewhere in Europe.

"We're talking about hundreds of generations."

Because mtDNA is only passed down on the mother's side, Fratpietro explained it is perfect for DNA detectives like him to use for research.

By analyzing the mutations in mtDNA taken from a simple swab of the inside of the cheek, researchers can determine exactly how new or how old your genetics are, where in the world they come from and who you're related to.

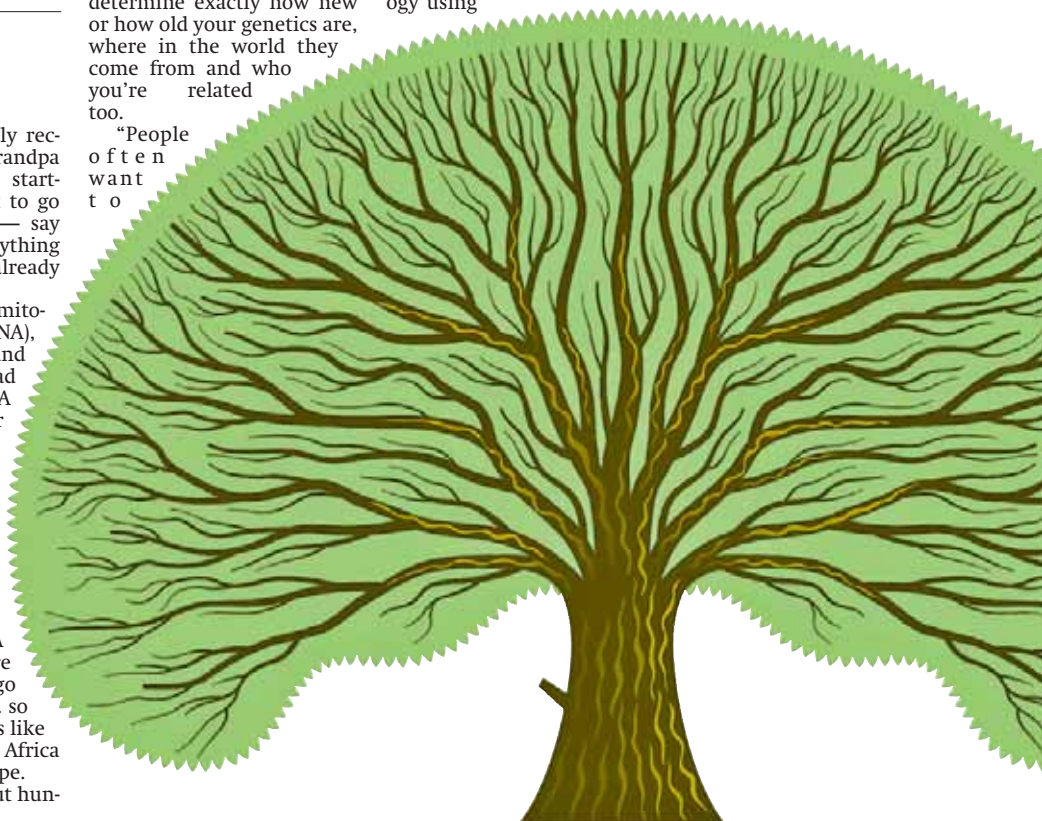
"People often want to

know where their genetics came from," said Fratpietro.

"If you're trying to figure out if you're related to a long lost relative, like a fifth cousin twice removed or something, you can try to establish a common maternal lineage through genealogy using

DNA, and confirm whether you're actually related or not."

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We tested three people to find out what their mtDNA would reveal. The results are in...

Subject 1: Female

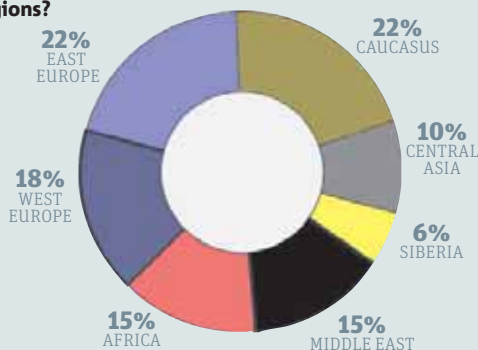
Why did you want to take part?

"I was adopted (OK, you've heard that before). I don't really know anything in terms of who created me or what my roots are — which clearly defines who I am today. Yes, I'm super curious! Culturally, this is also a factor. I'm half-Chinese and half-Caucasian (of some sort) and was adopted by Japanese people.

What the Paleo-DNA Laboratory discovered

Subject one belongs to haplogroup U3. Haplogroup U hypothetically first appeared about 55,000 to 60,000 years ago. Bryan Sykes, author of *The Seven Daughters of Eve* named the originator of this mitochondrial (mt) DNA haplogroup Ursula. Haplogroup U descended from Haplogroup R, which lived just after a second migration wave out of Africa, says the report. Haplogroup U has an extremely broad geographic distribution that ranges from Europe and North Africa to India and Central Asia due to numerous subsequent migrations. Although some members of haplogroup U migrated north into Scandinavia and others moved south into North Africa, most haplogroup U members stem from a group that moved northward out of the Near East, crossing the rugged Caucasus Mountains in southern Russia and moving on to the steppes of the Black Sea, then west to the present-day Baltic States and western Eurasia.

How frequently does the U haplogroup appear in different regions?



Subject 1's reaction

"Reading the results, I was very surprised to see that the majority of my DNA was not comprised as much from Asia as I initially thought. I've always thought I was a mix of just about everything but was surprised that it was mostly from eastern Europe and western Asia."

Subject 2: Female

Why did you want to take part?

"I was adopted when I was young and I know almost nothing about my biological ancestors. Knowing where I came from would give me a better understanding of who I am."

What the Paleo-DNA Laboratory discovered

Subject two belongs to haplogroup J and subject three belongs to J2. This means they share a maternal ancestor somewhere in the very distant past. Haplogroup J theoretically first appeared in the Near East about 50,000 years ago.

Sykes named the originator of this mitochondrial (mt) DNA haplogroup Jasmine. Haplogroup J derives from the haplogroup JT, which also gave rise to Haplogroup T. Haplogroup J is associated with the Neolithic expansion, the first use of agriculture, into Europe approximately 12,000 to 10,000 years ago.

Groups of hunter-gatherers and subsistence fishermen had been occupying much of Eurasia for tens of thousands of years when a group of modern humans living in the Fertile Crescent (present-day eastern Turkey and northern Syria) began domesticating the plants, nuts and seeds they had been foraging about 10,000

Subject 2's reaction

"Since I'm adopted, I really had no expectations about what would be discovered, but I certainly did not expect to have any common ancestry with another person taking part in this story! I found it incredible how far back they were able to look. It was surprising to me that I have Arabian ancestry. I'd definitely not have guessed that."

Subject 3's reaction

It's a bit of a surprise that those with my genetic makeup are found primarily in the Middle East, specifically in Arabia where around 25 per cent of the Bedouin and Yemeni population belong to my genetic group. Although Pakistan, where I was born, isn't that far off geographically speaking, it means somewhere down the line my ancestors migrated to South Asia. I wouldn't blame them. We got the best mangoes.

Subject 3: Male

Why did you want to take part?

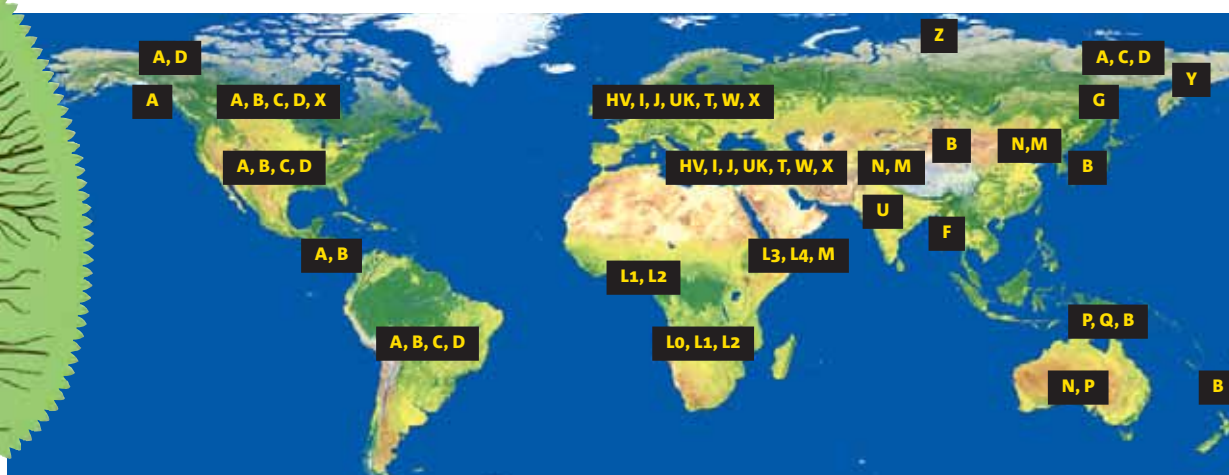
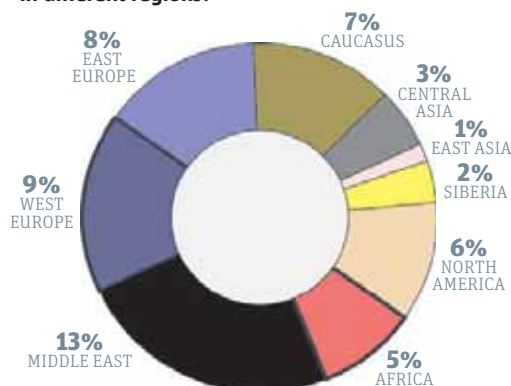
"I was born in a part of the world where there were people coming in from various empires over various time periods. It's a jambalaya of Arabs, Indians, Iranians, Mongolians and a plethora of other people. I always wanted to figure out what mix I came from."

years ago, the report adds.

Haplogroup J's most recent common ancestor likely made their homeland around the Levant, a coastal region in what is now Lebanon. The highest frequency of the haplogroup is found in Arabia where around 25 per cent of the Bedouin and Yemeni belong to this haplogroup.

The J1 subclade accounts for almost 70 per cent of the total J population. The J1 subclade occurs throughout the European continent including Britain. The J2 subclade is 10,000 years older than subclade J1. The J2 subclade is more localized along the Mediterranean and especially the Balkan Peninsula. J2 population are actually quite diverse and range from the Mansi and other Ob River populations in Western Siberia (10 per cent of the J2 population) to populations of Northern Iran (five per cent of the J2 population), adds the report.

How frequently does the J haplogroup appear in different regions?



Where are they from? Distribution of major MtDNA haplogroups

What is a haplogroup?

- A haplogroup is a category that is used to group similar mtDNA profiles.
- These profiles have common mutations in their DNA that make them similar to each other but different to other haplogroups.
- Haplogroups are classified in capital letters and can have subgroups which are denoted with numbers. For example L1, L2, L3.

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Judge refuses to let convict be killed by the state

Oregon. Death-penalty opponent regretted letting two other inmates be executed

A power struggle between a death-row inmate who wants to be executed and a governor who refuses to let it happen reached Oregon state's highest court Thursday as lawyers sparred over the governor's power.

The lawyer for a man convicted of two murders argued that Gov. John Kitzhaber lacks authority to delay Gary Haugen's execution without the inmate's consent.

Kitzhaber, a death penalty opponent, regretted letting

two other inmates be put to death and said he won't allow it to happen again. He blocked Haugen's execution in 2011, two weeks before Haugen was scheduled to die by lethal injection, delaying the sentence until the governor leaves office.

Haugen's lawyer, Harrison Latto, said the Oregon state constitution allows the death penalty and that trumps the moral views of the governor.

The governor argued that his clemency power is absolute, and nobody — certainly not an inmate on death row — can prevent him from doing what he believes to be in the state's best interest.

Oregon's justices will likely rule on Haugen's case by the end of the year.

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Fountain turns into ice sculpture as late storm hits Europe

A man passes a frozen fountain in Duisburg, Germany, on Thursday. Western Europe was hit by late-winter snowstorms, causing schools to close, leaving cars stranded and closing airports. MARTIN MEISSNER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fast food nation. Child ate a used condom at U.S. McDonald's: Lawsuit

A lawsuit against McDonald's alleges a child ate a used condom he found in the play area of one of the chain's Chicago restaurants.

The suit was filed Wednesday on behalf of Anishi Spencer and her two sons, who were three and two years old at the time of the alleged incident in February 2012.

The suit accuses McDonald's of failing to remove harmful debris from an



area used by children.
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Looser travel restrictions. TSA still OK with small knives on airplanes

The head of the U.S. Transportation Security Administration told lawmakers Thursday he stands by his plan to allow passengers to carry small knives onto planes despite a growing backlash against the proposal.

It's unlikely in these days of hardened cockpit doors and other preventative measures that the small folding knives could be used by terrorists to take over a plane, TSA ad-

ministrator John Pistole told a hearing of the House Homeland Security Committee.

On the other hand, searching for the knives on passengers or in their carry-on bags is time-consuming, Pistole said. TSA screeners confiscate about 2,000 such knives every day, with each incident chewing up about two to three minutes, he said.

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Olympic regatta. Tonnes of dead fish found in Rio river after rainstorm

Rio de Janeiro's environmental authorities say the amount of dead fish removed from a lake where the Olympic regatta will be held in 2016 stands at more than 60 tonnes.

Rio's municipal department of the environment says in a Thursday statement that since Monday the 65 tonnes of dead fish have been removed from the Rodrigo de Freitas lake. The lake located

in the heart of the city is among the area's many tourist attractions.

The department says that a rainstorm this week washed organic matter into the lake, leading to the big die-off of the fish.

It says the situation is improving and that no dead fish were pulled out of the lake on Thursday.

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Environment. Polar bears could be turning brown

How polar bears got their white coat remains a scientific mystery, but newly published research suggests a way they could turn brown again.

One of the study's authors says that's what might eventually happen to some groups of modern bears as climate change alters their habitat.

Beth Shapiro, one of the authors of the study, said as climate change reduces sea ice and changes the habitat of some polar bears, they are starting to look more like their southern cousins.

"We've seen that polar bears are hybridizing with brown bears now, at the edge



Polar bears could lose their white coats. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

of their range in Canada.

"It means if we destroy all their habitat, and the only habitat that's left for polar bears looks like brown-bear habitat, then they're just going to hybridize with brown bears and turn into brown bears."

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Missions to Mars

Europe, Russia sign space deal

The European Space Agency says it has signed an agreement with its Russian counterpart to work together toward two missions to Mars.

The partnership comes after NASA pulled out of the ExoMars program with ESA last year due to budget cuts.

ESA said in a statement on Thursday that it and Roscosmos aim to launch missions in 2016 and 2018 to try to establish whether life ever existed on Mars.

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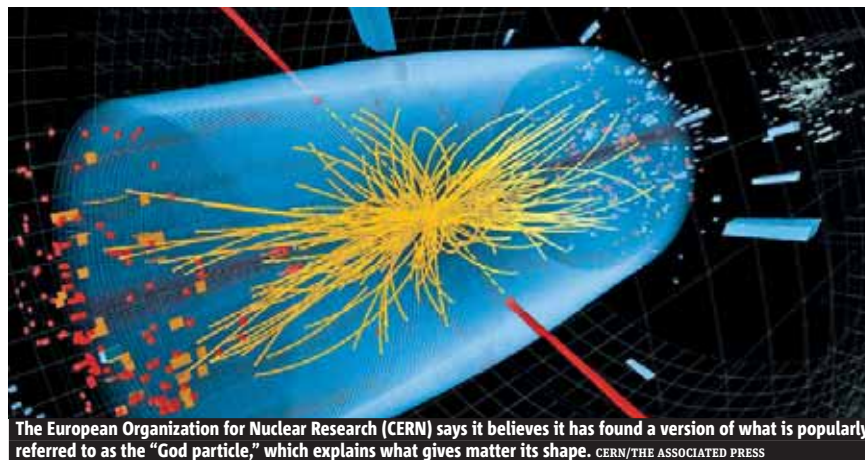
Physicists close to proving existence of 'God particle'

Building block of universe. Discovery would be contender for Nobel Prize

The search is all but over for a subatomic particle that is considered a crucial building block of the universe.

Physicists said Thursday they believe they have discovered the subatomic particle predicted nearly a half-century ago, which will go a long way toward explaining what gives all matter in the universe size and shape.

The elusive particle, called a Higgs boson, was predicted in 1964 to help fill in our understanding of the creation of the universe, which many theorize occurred in a massive explosion known as the Big Bang. The particle was named for Peter Higgs, one of the physicists who proposed its existence, but it later be-



The European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN) says it believes it has found a version of what is popularly referred to as the "God particle," which explains what gives matter its shape. CERN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

came popularly known as the "God particle."

The discovery would be a strong contender for the Nobel Prize. Last July, scientists at the European Organization for Nuclear Research, or CERN, announced finding a particle they described as

Higgs-like, but they stopped short of saying conclusively that it was the same particle or was some version of it.

Scientists have now finished going through the entire set of data.

"The preliminary results with the full 2012 data set are

magnificent and to me it is clear that we are dealing with a Higgs boson, though we still have a long way to go to know what kind of Higgs boson it is," said Joe Incandella, a physicist who heads one of the two main teams at CERN.

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Samsung turns up the heat with new iPhone challenger

Smartphone wars.

Galaxy S4 boasts larger screen and new ways to interact with device

Samsung Electronics is ratcheting up its rivalry with Apple with its new Galaxy S4 smartphone, which has a larger, sharper screen than its predecessor, the bestselling S III.

Samsung trumpeted the much-anticipated phone's arrival Thursday at an event in New York City accompanied by a live orchestra, while an audience of thousands watched the theatrics unfold on a four-level stage. Summoning a touch of Broadway, Samsung employed 17 actors to demonstrate the new phone's features in a series of scripted vignettes.

The Galaxy S4, which crams a five-inch screen into a body slightly smaller than the S III's, will go sale in the U.S. sometime between the end of April and



People interact with the new Samsung Galaxy S4 on Thursday after it was revealed at an event in New York City. ALLISON JOYCE/GETTY IMAGES

the end of June.

All told, Samsung plans to offer the Galaxy S4 through 327 carriers in 155 countries, giving it a wider reach than Apple's iPhone 5.

Samsung didn't say what the phone will cost. JK Shin, the executive in charge of Samsung's mobile communications division, promised the money

would be well spent for a "life companion" that will "improve the way most people live every day."

That bold promise set the tone for the kind of flashy presentation associated with the showmanship of Apple, the company that Samsung has been trying to upstage.

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Galaxy S4 features

While the S4 doesn't have eye tracking, as rumoured, it does have the following:

- A five-inch screen, an upgraded processor and a battery 20 per cent larger than the S III's. Samsung didn't say if that translates into a longer battery life.
- Several new technologies to help users interact with the phone. For instance, the screen now senses fingers hovering just above it, and some applications react.
- Users can control some other applications by making gestures in the air above the phone. In the browser, you can command the screen to scroll up by swiping from top to bottom a few inches from the phone.

Free trade negotiations

Harper, Ayrault tout progress on Canada-EU deal

Prime Minister Stephen Harper says "considerable progress" has been made toward a free-trade deal between Canada and the European Union, but outstanding issues remain.

"There remain some important issues to resolve, and obviously nothing is resolved until everything is resolved," Harper said Thursday during a visit to Ottawa by French Prime Minister Jean-Marc Ayrault. "Obviously, we will only sign a deal when we're convinced we have a deal that is comprehensive and in the best interests of the Canadian economy."

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Going after Big Tobacco

Court reapproves landmark ruling on smoking lawsuits

The Florida Supreme Court has decided not to upset its own landmark "Engle" decisions that make it easier for thousands of sick smokers or their survivors to pursue lawsuits against tobacco companies.

In a 6-1 decision that affirmed a \$2.5-million US verdict in the death of smoker Charlotte Douglas, the court reapproved the 1996 decisions accepting Big Tobacco knowingly sold dangerous products and hid the hazards of smoking. The Engle cases say individual smokers can file their own suits but don't have to prove those factors again in their cases. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

March 21. Federal budget will hold line on restraint

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty will deliver the federal budget on March 21, a plan that is expected to be an exercise in restraint as the minister remains focused on his goal of balancing the books by 2015.

Coming at a time of anemic economic growth, the budget is likely to stay the course of fiscal restraint, without any goodies.

But Flaherty downplayed the slower-than-expected economic growth Thursday as he announced the budget date.

"It's an interim concern, it's not a long-term concern in terms of real GDP growth and, as you know, our target is to balance the budget in 2015," the minister said.

Real GDP grew at an annualized rate of just 0.6 per cent in the fourth quarter of

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2012, suggesting the economy stalled in the second half of last year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Media. PKP steps aside as Quebecor CEO, but will still guide corporate strategy

The high-profile and sometimes controversial CEO of Quebecor Inc. is stepping down to have more personal time, but Pierre Karl Peladeau will still have influence over his company's corporate strategy.

Peladeau, known by his nickname PKP, will remain as chairman of one of its main subsidiaries, Quebecor Media. That division includes newspapers hit by weak advertising and recent layoffs and will require some of his attention to improve it.

He said he will provide ad-

vice and leadership on strategic projects "vital" to the media and telecom company.

"Because one cannot be a part-time CEO, I have decided to retire from this position and devote my life to other pursuits," he told a conference call after the company released its quarterly results Thursday.

His executive duties will be taken over by Robert Dépatie, who has been president and CEO of Quebecor's cash-generating Videotron cable and Internet service since 2003.

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1 Stompin' Tom memorial. The likes of Sylvia Tyson, Dave Bidini, Adrienne Clarkson and Ken Dryden gave a farewell to remember at his public memorial Wednesday at the Memorial Centre in Peterborough, Ont., the city in which Connors received his Stompin' Tom moniker in 1967 during a King George Tavern gig. I was at the touching memorial, and it was one of those special patriotic nights I'll never forget.

2 New Pope = Twitter frenzy. Twitter went nuts Wednesday when white smoke billowed above the Vatican and Pope Francis was revealed. About 130 million tweets were sent after the announcement was made. Even the official papal twitter account, @pontifex, was reactivated that day, and the account has nearly two million followers.

3 Bachelor finale. It was the most dramatic Bachelor finale yet — or wait, it always is. Anyway, Sean was hot for teacher Lindsay but his heart was with Catherine, who accepted his proposal. The Bachelor has a spotty romantic track record, but this will work. It's the law of averages. Plus Sean and Catherine have decid-



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4 Dare to Wear Gala. This charity fashion runway event by Toronto designers/couple Chris Tyrell and Jim Searle raises money in support of the Stephen Lewis Foundation in its fight against AIDS in Africa. It takes place March 22 and is the highlight of the Dare to Wear Love campaign and Toronto Fashion Week. Learn more at daretowearlove.com.

5 @Stats_Canada: The book. One of my fave parody Twitter accounts, @Stats_Canada, which tweets out awesome stats about Canada that aren't real but could be — e.g., "78% of Canadians are angry with someone, but will never show it" — is being adapted into a book. Stats

Canada: Statire on a National Scale, by its anonymous creators, is out this fall. Ninety-one percent of Canadians will buy it.

6 Small-town love/hate. The Twitter account @smalltownprobs about life in a small town is a gem, with tweets like "You drove a tractor pretty much before you could walk," "You run into your parents while skipping class" and "People don't use turn signals

cause you know where they're going." And it's becoming a big-city hit, with 100,000-plus followers.

7 Roll Up the Rim. I always love this Tim Hortons promo, and for this campaign and all future ones they do, I decided that instead of using the winning coffee and doughnuts for myself, I can do better. All coffee and doughnuts I win will go to the homeless. So far, I've won four. Winning has never felt better.

8 Real Hipsters of Vancouver. A casting call has gone out for a pilot episode for a reality show called Real Hipsters of Vancouver. Its creators envision showing that hipsters aren't just slackers wearing plaid and drinking bad beer, but are ambitious, creative people wearing plaid and drinking bad beer while following a dream.

9 Netflixed. A man shared his love for the video-streaming service by getting a Netflix tattoo in honour of it. When he tweeted his tat to them, the company responded by giving the guy a free year of service. I'm going to get a logo of every company I'm paying bills to tattooed on my skin, tweet them pictures of it and see how much I can save.

10 St. Patrick's Day. It's St. Paddy's Day this Sunday. Have a great one.

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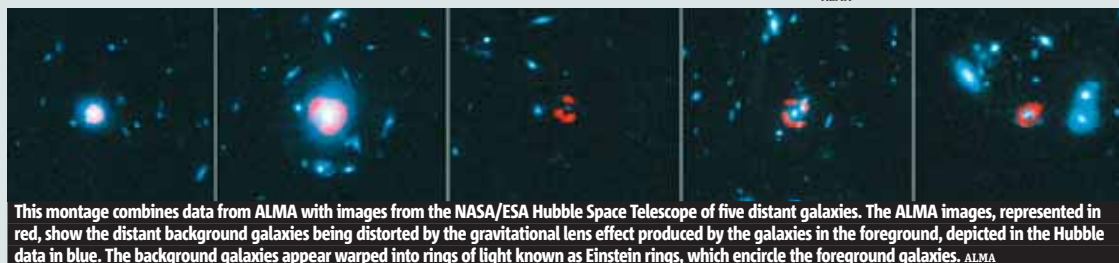


Stars found to be older than once thought

The world's most powerful telescope (pictured at left) unveiled this week has already made its first discovery: Galaxies as bright as 40 trillion suns. The stars, seen by the Atacama Large Millimeter/submillimeter Array (ALMA) in Chile, started some 12.7 billion years ago when the universe was only one billion years old.

Experts already know that starbursts — bright periods of fast star creation — were more common in the early universe than today. But these groundbreaking images taken at an altitude of 5,000 metres on the remote Chajnantor Plateau in the Chilean Andes reveal that stellar birth occurred a full billion years earlier in the universe than previously thought.

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This montage combines data from ALMA with images from the NASA/ESA Hubble Space Telescope of five distant galaxies. The ALMA images, represented in red, show the distant background galaxies being distorted by the gravitational lens effect produced by the galaxies in the foreground, depicted in the Hubble data in blue. The background galaxies appear warped into rings of light known as Einstein rings, which encircle the foreground galaxies. ALMA

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Bandcamp is an online store where fans can buy music directly from the artist, with the added bonus of allowing us to preview entire albums. It's a great model that has lured plenty of artists to set up shop there, including these Canadians:



Sean Nicolas Savage

This Montreal artist has a fairly robust selection of six albums to choose from, but none quite as dreamy as *Flamingo*. A light-as-a-feather collection of whispered ballads tailor-made for quiet mornings.

White Lung

The tags on White Lung's page may be a bit intimidating, but there's nothing to fear if you happen to be a fan of slithering guitars, pummelled drums and an irresistible frontwoman.

Bear Mountain

A sample-heavy dance party from Vancouver best enjoyed with a great pair of headphones and a sunny-day stroll.

Letters

Best and worst of St. Paddy's Day

Like any kid who grew up in a predominantly Irish home, I was dragged to Irish dance classes and forced to wear a green ribbon in my curly locks. Make no mistake, I'm Irish.

Although I've always been proud of my heritage, I've only grudgingly endured the annual celebratory displays of it, cringing at the way every year "Irish" becomes simultaneously synonymous with "adorable wee folk" and "public urination." Pot o' gold! Always after me Lucky Charms! Blah Blah blarney!

Because I love my family and I love my identity, in a way that has nothing to do with shamrock shakes and green beer or great throngs of people celebrating intoxication and cereal-box leprechauns. And I'm Irish enough to know that stupid stereotypes can Pog Mo Thoin!

According to legend, St. Patrick banished snakes from the rock and used a shamrock to teach the concept of the Holy Trinity. Maybe he can do something about the commercialization.

Anyway, Erin go braugh to ya.

Lisa Perry, Victoria, B.C.

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Synopsis

For years Burt Wonderstone (Steve Carell) and Anton Marvelton (Steve Buscemi) ruled the Las Vegas strip with a magic show that made Siegfried & Roy look understated. But their dominance of Sin City's showrooms disappears when a David Blaine type, guerrilla street magician Steve Gray (Jim Carrey) starts a turf war in town. His daring act makes the glitter and glitz of their show look well past its sell-by date. To stay relevant Wonderstone and Marvelton stage their own daring stunt, which just may be their grand finale.

• Richard: ●●●●●

• Mark: ●●●●●

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN



Steve Carell, Steve Buscemi and Olivia Wilde star in *The Incredible Burt Wonderstone*. HANDOUT

Where's the magic?

The Incredible Burt Wonderstone. A

stellar cast and some funny moments aren't enough to keep an audience spellbound

Richard: Mark, I kept waiting for *The Incredible Burt Wonderstone* to pull a rabbit out of its hat and get really funny, and yet the rabbit never appeared. I fail to see how Jim Carrey, Steve Carell, Steve Buscemi and Alan Arkin can share a marquee and have the movie fall so flat. Each has a potentially great comedic character and the premise should have been ripe for parody, but instead we get an only occasionally amusing movie.

Was it a magical experience for you?

Mark: Actually, Richard, I smiled right through the movie, which I didn't expect because like all comedians, I hate magic. And I think the shots taken at both the overblown, wheezy Vegas magic productions, and the new, punk, Jackass-style magic were both very funny. The satire worked for me, the sentimentality less so. There are a lot of good showbiz jokes along the way, and I thought Jim Carrey was perfectly cast as the anything-for-a-thrill Chris Angel type. Richard, what did you think of Carrey?

RC: He was the highlight for me. No one plays controlled chaos like Carrey and I thought his increasingly self-

aggrandizing behaviour was the best thing in the movie. It was Carell that let me down. He's too likable an actor to pull off Wonderstone's egotistical, one-note womanizing act. The fake tan and mullet do some of the work, but it never feels real, and even less so when he falls into Woody Allen territory during his romantic redemption with a love interest 23 years younger. On top of that his gearshift down from narcissist to nice guy doesn't come off as anything but generic and predictable. Nothing magical about it.

MB: Absolutely right. And I felt the same way about Steve Buscemi. Olivia Wilde is just the affordable Megan Fox. But isn't it amazing how Alan Arkin can steal EVERY scene in EVERY movie he's in?

RC: I thought Buscemi and Wilde weren't really given enough to do to make any lasting impression. They play decent, nice people and in a movie like this, featuring raging egotists and insane illusionists, nice guys and gals do finish last. Arkin isn't given much to do either, although he does have a nice gag or two, but at least he remembered to pack his trademarked deadpan delivery in his bag of tricks.

MB: I didn't like the way the movie romanticized rooty card tricks and sleight of hand as somehow more morally authentic than the glitzy Vegas magic. But I was still entertained enough to enjoy large parts of the movie, mostly in the first half.

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No Arkin magic

"See, I don't give a damn anymore ... I'm going to die soon. It doesn't matter. I say anything that comes.

"The magician came over to me on the first day and said we have to work. I said get away from me. Don't get anywhere near me. I said for me to learn what I'm supposed to do in this movie would have taken me four years. I said it's not going to happen. Just keep away from me. I said they'll do it in CGI and that's enough."

Alan Arkin on why he refused to learn any magic tricks for his role as an elderly magician in the new film *The Incredible Burt Wonderstone*.

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After Argo. Star talks about her gown at the Oscars and how her hubby Ben Affleck stole the show

Jennifer Garner tries not to look at reviews of the outfits she wears because, inevitably, someone isn't going to like it.

"It's not good for my self-esteem," she said Wednesday while in New York to open the Neutrogena Sun Summit.

The exception was after the Oscars last month. Garner's violet-coloured, custom-made Gucci gown was a winner — but that wasn't what she was looking for after husband Ben Affleck's film *Argo*

won best picture. "I revelled in all those good pictures of him," she said.

Garner, a Neutrogena spokeswoman, practises what she preaches when it comes to sun safety. Her children make sure of it.

In her household, sunscreen is like seat belts: non-negotiable. Garner said while she was away Wednesday, the kids surely would remind their dad if he dropped them at school without their daily slathering.

"I think I once told my kids it was against the law not to wear sunscreen," she said.

Garner's appearance was followed by a panel discussion that included dermatologists, a NASA scientist and Mexican actress Sandra Echeverria.

An eager science student growing up, Garner, 40, said the conference's terminology — and warnings — about the ozone layer and ultraviolet rays isn't lost on her. She joked, though, that she wouldn't want to be quoted on exactly what the Helioplex formulation is or what vitamin C can do for the skin.

But she had her "a-ha" moment about sun damage in her 20s, when she was out with friends. "They all had big hats on and I didn't."

"Suddenly you look one day and the sun damage is there ... and then you see it increase exponentially."

She'll take little credit for that Oscar night look — calling it a team effort led by Rachel Zoe. The partnership



Jennifer Garner and Ben Affleck at the Oscars. GETTY IMAGES

between Zoe and Garner goes back more than a decade, with Garner as the stylist's first big Hollywood client.

"She knows I'm not going to wear super-crazy fashion," said Garner. Where Garner leans toward comfort, Zoe goes for fancy — and "she usually wins."

Garner's outfit Wednesday — an Oscar de la Renta sheath dress and pointy-toe pumps in black patent leather — hit the right balance. In her casual style, Garner, wearing a smile, described the look as "just a little purple Oscar number."

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Director. Brad Anderson

Stars. Halle Berry, Abigail Breslin, Michael Eklund

When Casey comes to in the trunk of a car, the frantic teen (played by the terrific Abigail Breslin) does what most would — she calls 9-1-1. The call is the beginning of an intense cat-and-mouse game as dispatcher Jordan (Berry) tries to track Casey's abductor and save the girl's life. The film builds in intensity, as every passing moment could be Casey's last. But, like many Hollywood thrillers, the film will lose its captive audience when it ventures from the acceptable to the ridiculously far-fetched. **REGAN REID**

Veronica Mars movie gets a \$2M kick start

Fan funded. Show's creator Rob Thomas and star Kristen Bell break Kickstarter records for raising money to make feature film

SAM CASTONE
Metro World News

How to make \$2 million in one day: Step 1: Create a beloved TV series, called Veronica Mars, starring Kristen Bell as a sassy teen detective. Step 2: End the show in its prime, leaving fans craving a movie version. Step 3: Wait eight years and put your movie idea on Kickstarter, the crowdfunding website, offering fans prizes for donating cash, used to complete said film. Step 4: Watch as the money

rolls in — in less than 24 hours.

At press time, Bell and Mars creator Rob Thomas raised more than \$2.5 million, with money still coming. The film is a go, and shoots this summer.

"Holy cow, what a day," Thomas wrote his fans. "As of 4 a.m. CT, we're just over \$2.5 million. We couldn't be happier. We really couldn't. My wife says I'm insufferable, but she said that four days ago in anticipation of a day like today."

The campaign, launched Wednesday, broke records. It was the fastest Kickstarter project to raise \$1 million, much less \$2 million. It's the first studio-backed project to raise this much money (Warner Brothers owns the show).

"Kristen and I met with the Warner Bros. brass, and they agreed to allow us to take this shot," Thomas wrote on the Kickstarter page. "They were

Quoted

"Kristen and I met with the Warner Bros. brass, and they agreed to allow us to take this shot"

Veronica Mars Rob Thomas on the origins of the Kickstarter idea for a Veronica Mars movie

extremely cool about it, as a matter of fact. Their reaction was, if you can show there's enough fan interest to warrant a movie, we're on board. So this is it."

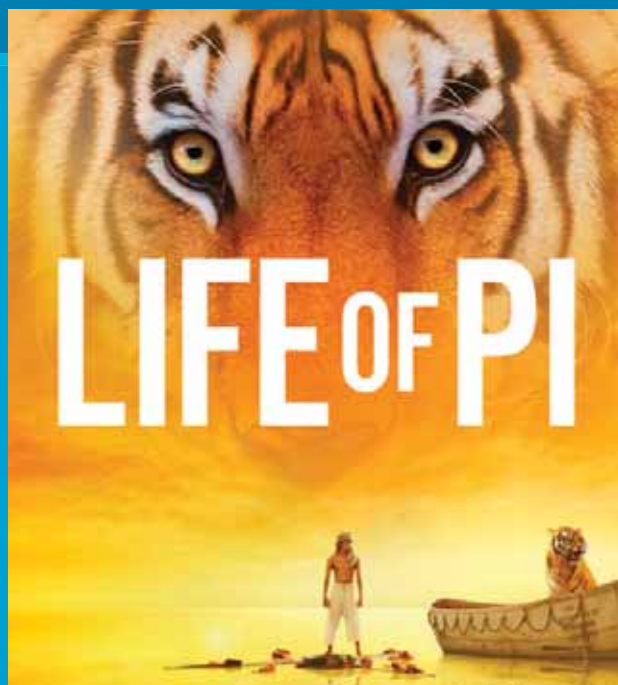
Donations ranged from \$10 (for a PDF of the script) to \$10,000 (for a speaking role).

Besides a Mars movie, the success also has wide implications for Hollywood. Fans can now demand entertainment, and fund it, and studios may be more willing to let creators have control. What's next? A proper Deadwood finale? A Freaky and Geeks reunion? A Firefly Christmas special?



Kristen Bell, who played Veronica Mars. HANDOUT

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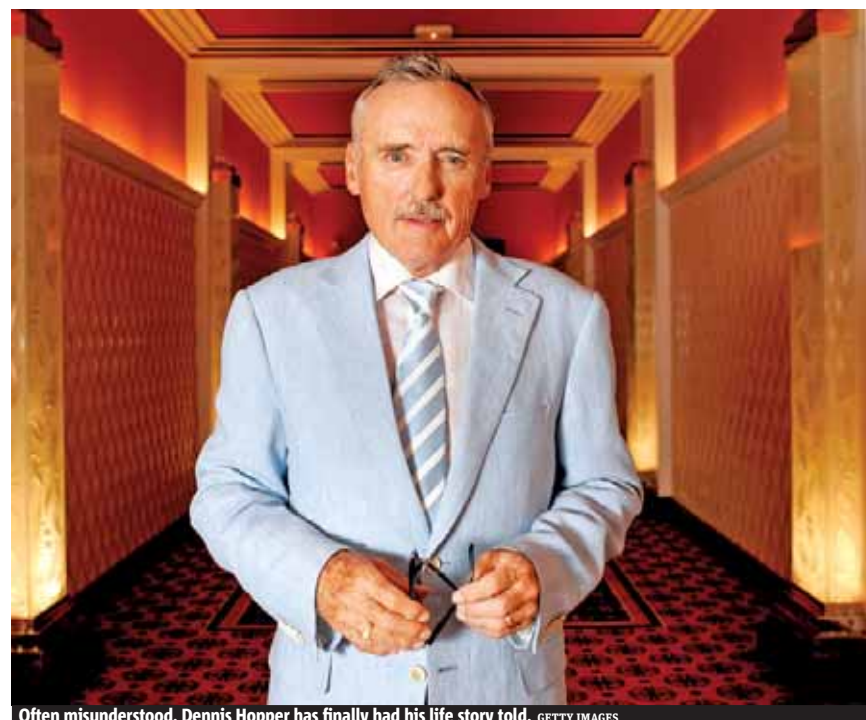
The American dream of an American outlaw

New book. Best selling author Tom Folsom discusses his new biography of Dennis Hopper

MATT PRIGGE
Metro World News

Dennis Hopper — actor, director, artist and husband to Michelle Phillips for eight days — died in 2010 having never put his turbulent life down on paper. Enter Tom Folsom. The documentarian and writer of the bestseller *The Mad Ones: Crazy Joe Giallo and the Revolution at the Edge of the Underworld* turns to another stranger-than-fiction life. He has penned *Hopper: A Journey into the American Dream*, a slim and rollicking ride culled from hundreds of interviews and much digging through myths.

Hopper died in 2010. When did you get the idea for this book?

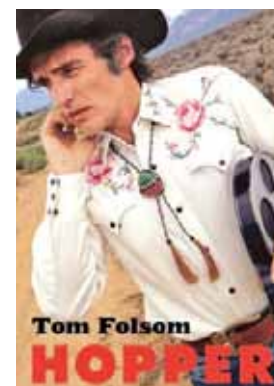


Often misunderstood, Dennis Hopper has finally had his life story told. GETTY IMAGES

Late 2009, I'd say. There was that whole tabloid divorce,

there was this big book of his photos that came out.

I had gotten a book deal and I thought I'd try to help



him finish his memoirs. He'd been trying to do his book for 30 years and he just never got anything on the page. I write a lot about gangsters and American outlaws, and Dennis' story to me had that outlaw quality to it.

Did you get to meet him before his death?

No, I didn't. I was able to have a great heart-to-heart conversation with Peter Fonda for three hours over tequila at the Beverly Wil-

shire. He was really quite honest about him. They were these two kids, he was the star of Roger Corman motorcycle movies and Hopper was this out-of-work contract player. He was on the way down when he was doing *Easy Rider*. He was blackballed by Warner Bros. and they went down to New Orleans, shooting on 16mm and it was chaos. And out of that they revolutionized Hollywood. And after that? It's a disillusion of their friendship. Fonda was kicked out of Hopper's funeral. I thought it was pretty tragic.

When you were interviewing people, how did people talk about Hopper? I imagine some were less keen on him than others.

I found they were very open. They were almost confessionals. Hopper had just died and he was fresh in their minds. They sort of unburdened themselves with these stories. I got some really raw, really honest and thoughtful interviews about Hopper.



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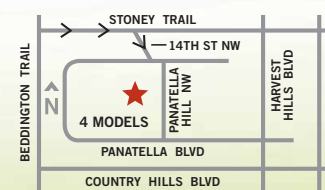
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Captain America? Canucks say yuck

To mark ComiCon, which took place in Toronto earlier this month, Match.com asked its members which superheroes they would most likely date. Some caped crusaders fared better than others.

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Canada's Kryptonite

Single ladies swoon over the man of steel. Most Canadian women (33 per cent) would prefer to date Superman, followed by Batman (21 per cent) and Wolverine (15 per cent).



Lovin' the lasso

Wonder Woman is the number one date choice for Canadian men — almost half of Canadian gents (48 per cent) would like to get tangled up in her lasso of love. Catwoman (30 per cent) and Batgirl (14 per cent) are runners-up in this race of love.

Coastal differences

It turns out Montrealers prefer the dark and mysterious. Unlike the rest of Canada, Montreal singles would most like to date Catwoman (47 per cent) and Batman (27 per cent). We foresee some steamy nights in the Batcave.



Superpower patriotism

The comic book character Canadian females would least like to date is Captain America. A meager seven per cent of Canadians would date this American hero.

Zero Dark Knight 52. Batman's backstory gets more Bam! Pow! Zap!

Batman's transformative years are getting a few new twists.

DC Entertainment is going back into Bruce Wayne's past to see how he began his transformation from wealthy socialite to the scourge of Gotham's criminal underworld.

Key elements of the character's history are staying the same — the murder of Wayne's parents, for example — says Scott Snyder, the writer of Batman since its relaunch debuted in 2011.

Snyder said the decision grew out of the success of the first year-and-a-half of DC's New 52, a sweeping reorganization of the publisher's characters that saw many given new origins and costumes that blended those from their first appearances decades ago with contemporary changes.

Snyder said readers will see how the crime fighter found his calling and what challenges he faced when first donning the costume of the Dark Knight.

The augmented origin be-



gins June in the pages of Batman in an 11-issue story called The Zero Year that is illustrated by Greg Capullo.

It's not so much an origin story as it is a view into Batman's formative years.

"We're not going to take apart 'Year One,'" Snyder said, referring to the Frank Miller-David Mazzucchelli four-issue arc that recounted how Wayne began to fight crime after years away.

"It's time for a new story showing how Batman became who he is in the New 52," said Snyder. "It builds up the mythology." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tough times? Go zombie

Undead trend. Pop culture academic says in periods of upheaval, we turn to brain eaters to help express our dissatisfaction

Zombies seem to be everywhere these days.

In the popular TV series The Walking Dead, humans struggle to escape from a pack

of zombies hungry for flesh. Prank alerts have warned of a zombie apocalypse on radio stations in a handful of American states. And across the country, zombie wannabes in tattered clothes occasionally fill local parks, gurgling moans of the undead.

Are these just unhealthy obsessions with death and decay? To Clemson University professor Sarah Lauro, the phenomenon isn't harmful or a random fad, but part of a historical trend that mirrors a

level of cultural dissatisfaction and economic upheaval.

Lauro, who teaches English at Clemson, studied zombies while working on her doctoral degree at the University of California at Davis. Lauro said she keeps track of zombie movies, television shows and video games, but her research focuses primarily on the concept of the "zombie walk," a mass gathering of people who, dressed in the clothes and makeup of the undead, stagger about and dance.

The zombie mob originated in 2003 in Toronto, Lauro said, and popularity escalated dramatically in the United States in 2005, alongside a rise in dissatisfaction with the war in Iraq.

"It was a way that the population was getting to exercise that they felt like they hadn't been listened to by the Bush administration," Lauro said.

"Nobody really wanted that war, and yet we were going to war anyway."

The mid to late 2000s also



Zombie walks have been gaining popularity. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

saw an uptick in overall zombie popularity, perhaps prompted in part by the release of post-apocalyptic movies including Dawn of the Dead and 28 Days Later.

As of last year, Lauro said, zombie walks had been docu-

mented in 20 countries. The largest gathering drew more than 4,000 participants at the New Jersey Zombie Walk in Asbury Park, N.J., in October 2010, according to Guinness World Records.

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TV Picks



Kitchen Nightmares returns with a new episode Friday. HANDOUT

Fieri swings by T.O., Ramsay rages in Seattle

Guy Fieri's popular travel show *Diners, Drive-ins and Dives*, visits Toronto for the first time Friday hitting up Hey Meatball, a popular eatery in Little Italy. (Food Network Canada). On the flipside Friday there's a new *Kitchen Nightmares* with Gordon Ramsay hoping to turn around a disappointing Greek restaurant in Seattle, which is being run into the ground by feuding family members. (Global)

Nicole Kidman wins as Woolf

On Saturday, OWN is airing the 2002 drama *The Hours*, which earned Nicole Kidman a best-actress Oscar for her portrayal of writer Virginia Woolf. Meryl Streep and Julianne Moore co-star as two women whose lives are interconnected by Woolf's novel *Mrs. Dalloway*. Other film choices include Ridley Scott's sweeping epic *Kingdom of Heaven*. (E)

Saturday night's all right for digging

Savage Family Diggers follows a clan of relic hunters who go to great lengths to recover valuable items around the U.S. Patriarch Ric Savage is a former professional wrestler-turned-artifact recovery expert who finds treasures with his wife Rita and their sons Giuseppe and Nick. In Saturday's episode, they excavate a Second World War POW camp in Virginia Beach. (Spike)

Holy Simpsons parody, Batman!

Sunday's new episode of *The Simpsons*, entitled *Dark Knight Court*, riffs on the Batman franchise. Mr. Burns wants to follow through on his dream of becoming a superhero, Fruit Bat Man. Janet Reno also lends her voice to the episode. (Global)

Game of Thrones' tough new heroine

Rose Leslie. Scottish actress plays Ygritte, the strong, conniving wildling who builds an unlikely relationship with Jon Snow in season three

She had no previous experience wielding weapons or marching through knee-deep snow across frigid glaciers, but 26-year-old Scottish actress Rose Leslie said it felt pretty natural stepping into the role of Ygritte on *Game of Thrones*.

The cutthroat competition she's used to as an actress doesn't compare to the conniving backstabbing that's ever-present in George R. R. Martin's *A Song of Ice and Fire* fantasy books, which the show is based on, but Leslie nevertheless felt a kinship with her tough-as-nails character.

"As a young actor kind of starting off in an industry that is so difficult and competitive, you've got to be strong, there's got to be an element of ambition there and you've got to be tough and determined in your own way," says Leslie, who's played strong female characters before — she was the ambitious housemaid Gwen Dawson in the first season of *Downton Abbey*, who was determined to rise above her station in life and become a secretary.



Actress Rose Leslie plays Ygritte on *Game of Thrones*. THE CANADIAN PRESS

"What stuck with me with Ygritte was how phenomenally independent and fierce she is and she's a strong, determined young lady in control with every situation."

"So I felt (Ygritte). Of course, you step it up once you do become the character ... but it wasn't difficult stepping into that role, where she is so dominant and powerful and she knows what she wants."

Ygritte emerged as one of the most compelling new characters of the show's second season, introduced when she is captured by Jon Snow and other members of the Night's Watch.

She's unflinchingly ready for death, but when Jon Snow doesn't have the stomach to kill her, she plots how to turn the tables, bides her time, and eventually does go from captive to captor.

Brace yourself

Leslie was mostly tight-lipped about the third season (premiering March 31 on HBO Canada) but here's a hint or two on what to expect.

- Ygritte is briefly seen in an official trailer sporting a bow and arrow and in a blink-and-you'll-miss-it peek at a sex scene.
- "We see the show's beloved characters get tested and pushed to the extreme and I think viewers are going to be pleasantly surprised, but ultimately shocked as well," Leslie says.

Leslie appreciated how multi-dimensional the character is and enjoyed how her Ygritte develops an unlikely relationship with Jon Snow.

"She has a flip side ... she doesn't take herself too seriously and she can be playful and bounce that off her ruthlessness," says Leslie.

"But dominantly she is a killer, she is brutal and has been brought up in these harsh surroundings and therefore is harsh and brutal herself."

Leslie was in Toronto to launch a travelling *Game of Thrones* exhibit of costumes and props from the show, which runs at the Design Exchange through Saturday.


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The World According to Dick Cheney takes a candid look at the former American vice-president. HANDOUT

New doc explores the story of Cheney

The World According to Dick. Director says he pushed personal politics aside to portray the former U.S. vice-president

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"I have my politics, but this isn't really a film about politics."

R.J. Cutler, director, *The World According to Dick Cheney*



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Dick Cheney refers to himself as the "most consequential" vice-president in American history, and a new, incredibly candid documentary titled *The World According to Dick Cheney* by R.J. Cutler (*The War Room*, *The September Issue*) delves into just what those consequences might be — though Cheney quickly proves he's not one for re-evaluation.

After premiering the film at the Sundance Film Festival earlier this year, Cutler brings his portrait of the divisive political figure to Showtime.

Was it difficult to set aside whatever opinions you might have had of Cheney to make this film?

I mean, of course I have opinions about him. I have my politics, but this isn't really a film about politics — from my perspective. I've made films about people whose politics I agree with and I've made films

about people whose politics I don't agree with. In this case, I'm exploring the man but I'm also telling his story from what I believe will be a rich and valuable historical perspective. I'm interested in Dick Cheney. I could not possibly care less about the politics of a documentary filmmaker.

There was a lot of conjecture and hyperbole about Cheney while he was in office, especially in the second term. Was it difficult to avoid that level of discourse?

No, not really. It's not at all difficult to avoid the level of discourse because I focused on serious-minded people who had examined his life and career and had written extensively about it. It's an extremely prominent group of both supporters and detractors in the film.



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Girls. Divisive series deals with deeper issues of sexuality, says Apatow



Judd Apatow and Girls creator Lena Dunham. GETTY IMAGES

Girls executive producer Judd Apatow says he thinks a graphic sex scene in Sunday's episode of the HBO series is drawing such strong reactions from critics because it deals with complicated emotions that aren't often explored on TV.

In the instalment of the Golden-Globe-winning dramedy, about a group of 20-somethings in New York City, recovering alcoholic Adam (Adam Driver) has a dark sexual encounter with his girlfriend.

The incident is one of several cringe-inducing moments in the episode, which also sees budding writer Hannah (series creator, director, producer and writer Lena Dunham) grappling with her deteriorating mental state.

Girls is known for its frank and unvarnished portrayal of its characters' lives and often elicits passionate reactions from viewers.

But last Sunday's episode—entitled On All Fours—seems to be particularly polarizing.

An article posted Monday on The Hollywood Reporter website, for instance, read: Girls: Did Lena Dunham Go Too Far?

Meanwhile, a laudatory article on Variety's site declared: HBO's Girls is Defiant in the Best of Ways.

"There's complicated emotions and we're talking about people trying to make connections, and sexuality, and things that go right and wrong in sexuality," Apatow said Tuesday in a telephone interview to promote next week's DVD/Blu-ray release of his comedy film This is 40.

"There's a deep exploration of serious mental issues that Hannah's having, and I think it's a really fascinating storyline we're following that forces people to think about a lot of issues much deeper than they usually have to think about ... when they're watching escapist entertainment."

Girls has been renewed for a third season and airs on HBO Canada. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

The Big Bang's only getting bigger

Bazinga.

Syndication helped CBS show land huge viewer numbers for last week's new episode

What a difference four years have made.

When the cast of The Big Bang Theory first appeared at PaleyFest in 2009, their sitcom wasn't even among the top 40 rated shows in the United States.

Last week's first-run Big Bang episode topped the list in viewers most coveted by advertisers — those aged 18 to 49 — and it was the second most-watched show overall (behind NCIS) with more than 20 million viewers.

What made Bang so much bigger? Credit syndication. Reruns of the show have been almost impossible to avoid since local stations and cable network TBS debuted them in September 2011 — introducing the series and hooking millions of viewers who didn't catch episodes the first times around on CBS.

"You're kind of forced to watch the show now," joked one of the show's stars Simon Helberg Wednesday night on the PaleyFest arrivals line.

From co-creators Chuck Lorre and Bill Prady (Dharma & Greg), The Big Bang Theory spins around two roommates, physicists Leonard Hofstadter (played by Johnny Galecki) and Sheldon Cooper (Jim Parsons), as well as their friends



The Big Bang Theory star Jim Parsons arrives at the Paley Center for PaleyFest Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

That's one theory

"We're shoving it down people's throats, and they're learning that they love it."

Simon Helberg, a.k.a. Howard Wolowitz on The Big Bang Theory

and colleagues, engineer Howard Wolowitz (Simon Helberg) and astrophysicist

Raj Koothrappali (Kunal Nayyar).

Parsons may play a genius, but he's having a tough time getting his head around the show's current success.

"There's something impossible to fathom about viewers and numbers and things like that," Parsons explained. "I can barely picture 20 people in one room. If you want to say 17 or 18 million — well, you've lost me."

The Big Bang cast and crew were careful to withhold any major upcoming plot developments, except for one, to be revealed in the first-run episode airing Thursday night: the discovery of a letter from Howard's long-lost father.

No other cast members or co-creator Lorre would go near discussions of the characters' futures.

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Bubl  has much bigger fish to fry

Michael Bubl  has sold millions of albums, but as he readies the release of his newest project, he's less concerned with his future sales, thanks to his wife's pregnancy.

"I'm nervous and excited, and truly I think it's given me great perspective," the singer said at the music video shoot for his new single, It's a Beautiful Day.

"I used to worry about how the single would do and how the record would sell. And the truth is, I love this record. I'm so proud of it. But, at the end of the day, if it sells 10 million or 10 copies, I've got bigger fish to fry," he continued. "I've got a wife and a kid I love very much."

Bubl  married Argentine actress Luisana Lopilato in 2011. They



Michael Bubl  has a new baby and a new album on the way.
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announced in January they're expecting their first child.

Most of Bubl 's albums have reached multi-platinum status, and his last three releases have hit number one on the Billboard 200

albums chart, including the triple platinum Christmas, the second bestselling album of 2011 behind Adele's 21.

His new album, To Be Loved, will be released April 23. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Proto-punks to proto-supergroup to ... protozoa?



SOUND CHECK
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Iggy Pop, Sound City Players and Marine Bugs are highlighted in this week's Sound Check



Burn/Iggy and the Stooges

They were making punk rock a decade before anyone knew what to call it. The surviving Stooges return in April with just their fifth album in 46 years.



Mantra/Sound City Players

One of my favourite parts of Dave Grohl's Sound City documentary was watching him, Josh Homme and Trent Reznor write a song together in the studio. This is the final result.



Blues for Elle/Some little marine microbes

They've dubbed the sound "microbial bebop." It's surprisingly like modern jazz.

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A tale of two Snoops: he'll always be a Dogg deep down, even as a Lion

Reincarnated. Hip hop star talks about why he put down the Dogg and responds to critics who say the move is just a gimmick

Snoop Lion won't fire back at critics who say his backing of the Rastafari movement is simply another gimmick from one of hip hop's savviest self-marketers. But Snoop Dogg will.

Reggae pioneer Bunny Wailer is the most notable skeptic. Wailer bestowed the Lion name on Snoop, but has since repeatedly questioned the 41-year-old rapper's intentions and commitment to Rasta ideology.

Asked to respond, Snoop's face registered a flash of malice followed by a devilish smile: "If I was Snoop Dogg: 'Expletive) Bunny Wailer.'



Snoop Lion poses for a portrait at the Westlake Recording Studios in Los Angeles. JORDAN STRAUSS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

But I'm Snoop Lion right now, so I'm chilling," he said.

He is using the name to release a reggae- and dancehall-focused album, Reincarnated. Produced by Major Lazer — which includes DJ-producer Diplo — it features guests ranging from

Chris Brown and Drake to Jamaica's Mr. Vegas and Mavado.

While promoting an accompanying documentary that tracks his trip to Jamaica and exploration of Rasta culture, Snoop makes it clear that his Lion persona

is less a drastic transformation than part of ongoing personal growth.

With his film in limited release this week and his album due out April 23, the performer talked about his identity issues, his effort to stay positive and religion.

Evolution — Snoop-style

"To me, the Lion is the growth of Snoop Dogg — me growing into the next phase of my musical career."

Snoop Lion
On why he dropped the Dogg.

What does Snoop Lion mean to you? In the movie we see Bunny Wailer give you the name because he said he didn't want to call you a dog. That was his take on it.

I don't know what that take was because I'm going to always be Snoop Dogg. I can't throw that person away and get rid of him. To me, the Lion is the growth of Snoop Dogg — me growing into the next phase of my musical career, the next phase of my life.

In interviews since the film was made, Bunny has been

skeptical of you. What's your take on his criticism?

I've done nothing but what I said I was going to do: go to Jamaica, make a great record, intertwine with some people, build on some relationships and come back and bring something back to the community.

What has been religion's place in your life up until now — and how does Rastafari fit in?

As a kid, I was pushed into the Baptist church, taught that way. As an adult, I was able to seek out information on my own to find out that the Muslim religion, Rastafari, Baptist, Christian — that they all the same. They all God-fearing people and love is love. ... It's more based on life and a way of life and liberty as opposed to religion. Because religion is so false, because it's so past tense and written by someone who is not here.

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She may be Devious, but she's not Desperate for work

Eva Longoria. The former *Housewife* talks about how to find time in the day and her passion for philanthropy

Eva Longoria hasn't slowed down since *Desperate Housewives* signed off after eight seasons last year. In fact, the actress says the word "lazy" isn't in her vocabulary.

"There are days when I relax but it won't be a full day. It usually means I'm gonna clean out my closet. That's relaxing for me. Or I'm gonna cook a full meal for my family and friends," Longoria, who will be 38 on Friday, said in a recent interview.

Longoria said she has no problem juggling various projects.



Eva Longoria has committed to encouraging Latin women to further their education and start entrepreneur programs.
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"I always say there's more time in the day than you

think. You waste a lot of time that you don't realize," she said.

"When I was on *Desperate Housewives*, I learned two languages. I went back to school for my master's degree, I was married (to San Antonio Spurs point guard Tony Parker) and flying back and forth (between Los Angeles and Texas). You have time."

Her passions also include philanthropy and politics.

She's committed to encouraging Latin women to further their education and

start entrepreneurial programs. She also founded Eva's Heroes, dedicated to teens and young adults with special needs. She just wrapped up filming on *Frontera*, alongside Ed Harris and Michael Pena, and has endorsement deals with L'Oreal, Frito-Lay and Sheba. Longoria is also an executive producer on two upcoming TV shows.

On *Ready for Love*, a reality dating show that will air on NBC, three matchmakers help three men find love.

Longoria says she hand-

Multi-tasking

"When I was on *Desperate Housewives*, I learned two languages. I went back to school for my master's degree, I was married (to San Antonio Spurs point guard Tony Parker) and flying back and forth (between Los Angeles and Texas). You have time."

Eva Longoria
Speaking about finding time in the day.

picked each of the three eligible guys.

They're "not only handsome and successful, but generous, kind and sweet human beings. ... They'll forever be friends in my life," she said.

She's also one of the executive producers of *Devious Maids*, alongside *Desperate Housewives* creator Mark Cherry.

Based on a Mexican series, it follows four maids who work in Beverly Hills but dream of their own success. The show will air on Lifetime.

While she's enjoying TV production, Longoria said, "I love the medium of television. I'll definitely be back. I'll definitely come back one day." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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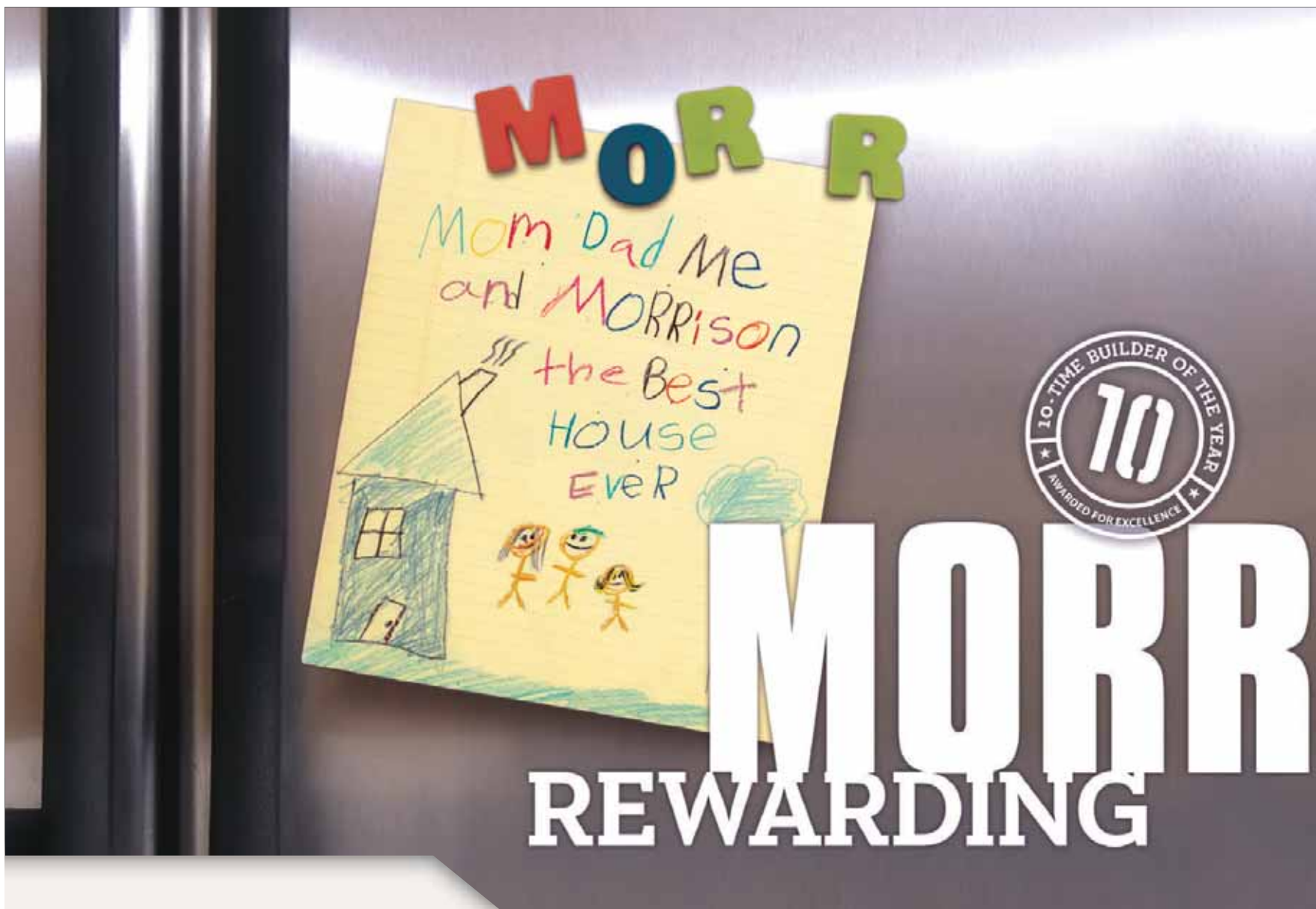
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Gwyneth Paltrow. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Paltrow struggling to get family on gluten-free diet

Gwyneth Paltrow is discovering that getting her family on a new low-carb, gluten-free diet isn't exactly a painless endeavor.

"Sometimes when my family is not eating pasta, bread or processed grains like white rice, we're left with that specific hunger that comes with avoiding carbs," she says in her new

cookbook.

But the pain is worth it, she insists.

"Every single nutritionist, doctor and health-conscious person I have ever come across ... seems to concur that (gluten) is tough on the system and many of us are at best intolerant of it and at worst allergic to it," she writes.



Geri Halliwell

Geri Halliwell tries being one of the people

Terrible London traffic has driven Spice Girl Geri Halliwell underground, as the singer ventured onto public transportation for the first time in nearly two decades this week.

"Forgive me for being a brat," she tweeted about the experience.

"After 17 years and yesterday's two hours of traffic, let's save time and money — the tube!"

Halliwell also posted photos of herself on the platform and train.

Her final judgment on the experience?

"Not so bad!"

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Miley's hard partying ways find her back on market?

The breakup rumours about Miley Cyrus and Liam Hemsworth are reaching a fever pitch, with the New York Post claiming that the couple's engagement is officially off.

"Miley and Liam are done — it's over," a source tells the newspaper.

"She likes to party really

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"Miley and Liam are done — it's over"

Source
Speaking to New York Post

hard and can be pretty wild. It became a problem for him."

But Cyrus is reportedly still holding out hope of a reconciliation.

"They do fight, but she is crazy about Liam," another source says, adding that Cyrus "isn't ready to accept it might be over for good."



Anna Kendrick

Anna Kendrick ends her relationship

Anna Kendrick has reportedly ended her four-year relationship with her Scott Pilgrim vs. the World director Edgar Wright, according to Us Weekly.

"She's single," a source says. "It was done a little while ago."

In her new life as a single gal, Kendrick has been ruminating about what life would be like on reality TV.

"If I were a contestant on The Bachelor, I'd just end up falling in love with the weird sound guy and making things uncomfortable for everyone," she joked recently on Twitter.

"To all the people joking about becoming sound guys, you should also know they put mics in actresses' cleavage and packs on (their) inner thighs. Think about it."

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@JasonAlexander

Ok, not trying to be cute, but the new Pope — he looks like my Uncle Abe — a Jew! So, Mazel Tov, Pope.



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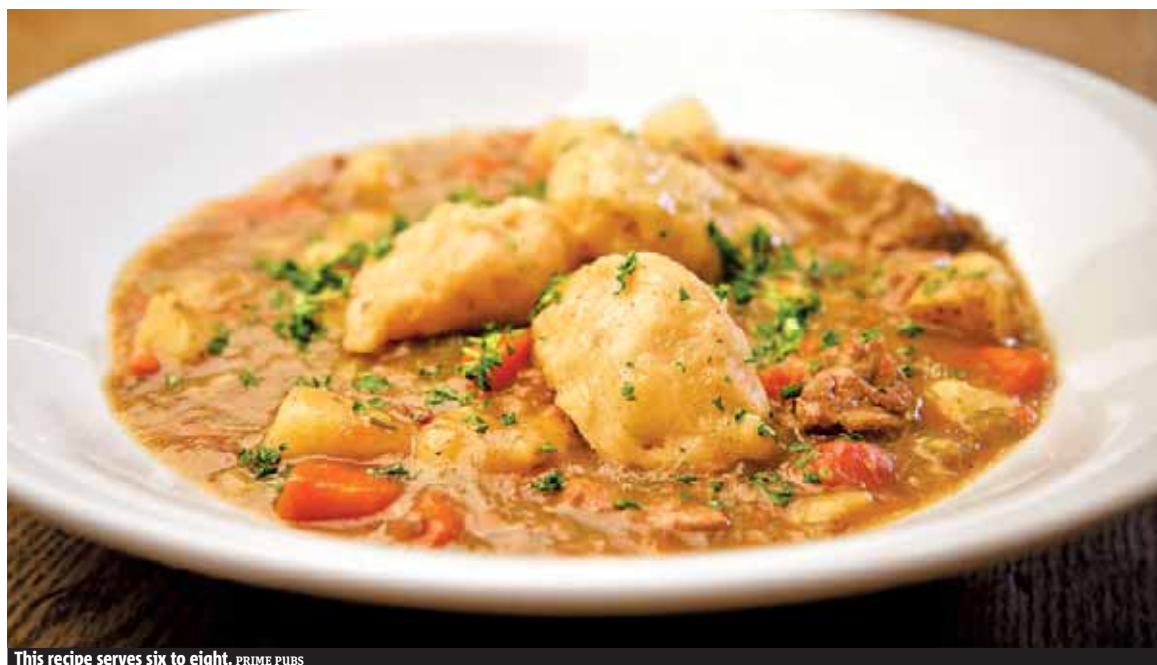
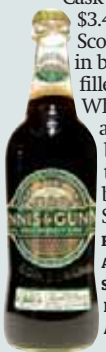
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For a country not much larger than New Brunswick, Ireland sure has created an international reputation for itself. Whether music, literature, cuisine, bar culture and, of course, liquids, its fame is undeniable.

Though I'm only one quarter Irish, that part of me takes over as the hours grow closer to St. Patrick's Day. That means this weekend I'll be eating and drinking like a giant leprechaun. Irish stew is a personal favourite. And while a seductive pint of Guinness is a match made in heaven, you don't have to stick to the Emerald Isle when it comes to a beverage pairing.

Red wines like meat, with any medium-bodied version made from malbec making a tasty partner. On the white side, think sauvignon blanc or, if you want to get adventurous, a white grüner veltliner from Austria. A unique beer alternative with an Irish theme is Innis & Gunn Irish Whiskey

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2. Add potatoes and simmer for another 20 minutes or until lamb is tender. When lamb is tender, add rosemary.

3. Meanwhile to make dumplings, in bowl place flour, baking powder and salt and mix together. Add milk and oil to dry ingredients. Mix until just combined. Using tablespoon, add to stew, 10 at a time. Cook for 10 to 12 minutes or until dumplings are cooked. Remove dumplings with a slotted spoon and place on pan

lined with parchment paper.

4. Add peas to stew and mix in. Cook for 5 minutes. Serve stew in large crock. Top each portion with 2 to 3 dumplings and sprinkle with chopped

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- 2 medium onions, diced in 1/2-inch pieces
- 3 medium carrots, diced into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1 cup (225 ml) celery, diced into 1/2-inch pieces
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped

- 5 cups (1.25 l) beef stock
- 2/3 cup (160 ml) Kilkenny beer
- 2 large Yukon Gold potatoes, diced into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1 stalk rosemary
- 20 dumplings
- 1-1/2 cup (350 ml) peas
- Parsley, chopped for garnish

Dumplings

- 1-1/4 cup (285 ml) flour
- 1 tsp (5 ml) baking powder
- 3/4 tsp (3.5 ml) salt
- 1-1/4 cup (285 ml) milk
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) olive oil

Who can resist a hearty stew with lamb, potatoes, sweet peas, carrots, onions, celery and rosemary, simmered in Kilkenny Irish Cream Ale and topped with homemade dumplings?

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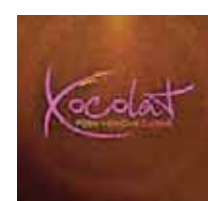
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MMA

White promises Calgary he'll make up for UFC 149

Dana White says the UFC will be back in Calgary.

The UFC's first visit to the Alberta city was last July with an ill-fated UFC 149 card that was decimated by injury.

White said the UFC would be back, but Winnipeg got the latest nod — with UFC 161 planned for June.

On Thursday, the UFC boss said Calgary will get another show.

"When we go back to Calgary, I've said it a million times, we're going to deliver when we go back there," White told reporters. "Last year was the worst year in this company's history as far as injuries and things that happened. And that was the worst card, not only as far as fights went but as far as fighters falling out of the card. Everybody on the card fell out."

Toronto, Vancouver and Montreal have also hosted UFC shows, although Vancouver gave way to Calgary in the Canadian rotation last year.

"I will be back in Calgary and I will make it up," White promised.

Tom Wright, the UFC's director of Canadian operations, has said he expects to be back in Vancouver next year. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Quoted

"We're going to deliver when we go back there."

UFC president Dana White



UFC president Dana White stands between welterweight champion Georges St-Pierre, left, and Nick Diaz during a news conference on Thursday in Montreal.
GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Challenger cranks up the 'craziness'

MMA. Diaz has GSP shaking his head as pre-fight presser gets weird

Quoted

"Are you crazy in your head, man? I'm not scared of you. You'll see Saturday if I'm scared of you."

Georges St-Pierre to Nick Diaz on Thursday in Montreal

One day after missing a scheduled public workout ahead of UFC 158, Nick Diaz put on a show.

The often-sullen California welterweight showed off his chatty side at a news conference Thursday, wielding the microphone like a talk-show host. Diaz hogged the dais, throwing out comments and interjecting whether there was

a question directed his way or not. It ranged from the poignant to the bizarre.

"(In terms of) craziness, that was a 10 out of 10," UFC president Dana White said afterward.

At times, Diaz's stream-of-consciousness monologues seemed to bewilder champion Georges St-Pierre. Other times,

a stone-faced GSP seemed antagonized and appalled.

"He's in a different place than he's ever been because he's really mad," White told reporters later.

Normally cool as a cucumber, St-Pierre is jalapeno-hot going into Saturday's main event.

Diaz got GSP going after

looking directly at the champ and castigating him for saying he reminded him of the bully who used to taunt the champion as a child.

"How many times have you had a gun to your head, Georges? How many times has someone put a gun to your head? How many of your best friends been shot through the chest with a .45? Or how many of your best friends (have) been stomped or put to sleep into a coma?" said Diaz, who hails from the Stockton-Lodi area of California. "We all had to deal with these things in life."

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Canadian teen impresses in world championship debut



Kaetlyn Osmond performs in the women's short program at the World Figure Skating Championships in London, Ont., on Thursday. Osmond heads into Saturday's free skate in fourth place. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Figure skating. 17-year-old Osmond within striking distance of finishing on the podium

Canadian Kaetlyn Osmond stepped onto the ice for what would be a memorable world championship debut.

The 17-year-old from Marystown, N.L., who has people in the sport raving about her rare ability to thoroughly dazzle a crowd, did just that Thursday. She finished fourth in the short

Quoted

"She's like an artist, she's very special. But then at the same time she's technically very strong."

Ravi Walia, Kaetlyn Osmond's coach

program with her sassy mambo program — just a year after she was 10th at the world junior championships.

Now she heads into Saturday's free skate within striking distance of a medal behind Olympic champion Kim Yu-Na of South Korea, who scored 69.97 points to win the short program in her first major international appearance in two years. Defending world champion Carolina Kostner of Italy was second with 66.86, while Japan's Kanako Murakami was third with 66.64.

Osmond, in black sequined dress, her black hair pulled into a tight ponytail, scored 64.73, opening with a big triple toe loop-triple toe loop combination, then charging straight into a triple flip, and then a double Axel. In between, she shimmied her shoulders, swivelled her hips and played to the audience, her huge smile barely leaving her face. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Virtue-Moir trail U.S. rivals after short dance

Canadians Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir perform in the ice-dancing short dance on Thursday at the World Figure Skating Championships in London, Ont. The Olympic gold medalists scored 73.87 points but trail American rivals Meryl Davis and Charlie White by nearly four points heading into Saturday's free dance. JOHN MATISZ/METRO IN LONDON

NHL

Board of governors OKs realignment

The Winnipeg Jets are officially moving west after realignment was approved Thursday by the NHL's board of governors.

Bettman said the driver for realignment was the relocation of the Atlanta Thrashers to Winnipeg.

The new format will feature two eight-team divisions in the Eastern Conference and two seven-team divisions in the West.

The Jets will move into what is now known simply as Division B in the Western Conference, giving them a far friendlier travel schedule than they have now in the Southeast Division.

Detroit and Columbus will move to the two eastern divisions. Bettman says the league is still working on proper names for the divisions.

Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa are heading to what is temporarily billed as Division C in the Eastern Conference, along with Boston, Buffalo, Detroit, Florida and Tampa Bay. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

NHL. Hawks return to winning ways in Columbus

The crowd was roaring on every play, each side kept piling up scoring chances and goaltenders Corey Crawford and Sergei Bobrovsky were trading breath-taking stops.

After a wildly entertaining overtime, though, the Chicago Blackhawks got back to their winning ways.

Patrick Kane set up Johnny Oduya's goal late in the second period and then got the decisive score in the shootout, leading the Blackhawks to a 2-1 victory over the Columbus Blue Jackets on Thursday night.

"It was pretty intense," Kane said of the end-to-end extra minutes. "There were 13 shots

total for both teams. It was a pretty interesting overtime, obviously. The goalies made some great saves and it was definitely back and forth."

Crawford stopped 29 shots to help the Blackhawks end a two-game losing streak after they set an NHL record by getting at least a point in each of their first 24 games.

Jack Johnson scored the tying power-play goal for Columbus 52 seconds after Oduya put Chicago ahead, and Bobrovsky finished with 39 saves for the Blue Jackets, who set a franchise record by picking up a point in their ninth game in a row (5-0-4). **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Blackhawks forward Patrick Kane scores on Blue Jackets goalie Sergei Bobrovsky on Thursday night in Columbus, Ohio. PAUL VERNON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	49	14	.778	—
Indiana	40	24	.625	9 1/2
New York	38	24	.613	10 1/2
Brooklyn	38	27	.585	12
Chicago	35	29	.547	14 1/2
Boston	35	29	.547	14 1/2
Atlanta	35	29	.547	14 1/2
Milwaukee	32	31	.508	17
Toronto	25	40	.385	25
Philadelphia	24	40	.375	25 1/2
Cleveland	22	42	.344	27 1/2
Detroit	23	44	.343	28
Washington	21	42	.333	28
Orlando	18	47	.277	32
Charlotte	14	50	.219	35 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	50	16	.758	—
Oklahoma City	48	17	.738	1 1/2
Memphis	44	19	.698	4 1/2
L.A. Clippers	45	21	.682	5
Denver	44	22	.667	6
Golden State	37	29	.561	13
Houston	35	30	.538	14 1/2
L.A. Lakers	34	32	.515	16
Utah	33	32	.508	16 1/2
Dallas	30	34	.469	19
Portland	29	34	.460	19 1/2
Minnesota	22	40	.355	26
Sacramento	23	43	.348	27
Phoenix	22	43	.338	27 1/2
New Orleans	22	43	.338	27 1/2

Note: division leaders ranked in top three positions regardless of winning percentage.

Thursday's results

San Antonio 92 Dallas 91
New York at Portland

Wednesday's results

Indiana 107 Minnesota 91
Miami 98 Philadelphia 94
Washington 106 Milwaukee 93
Atlanta 96 L.A. Lakers 92
Boston 112 Toronto 88
Houston 111 Phoenix 81
Oklahoma City 110 Utah 87
Sacramento 121 Chicago 79
Denver 117 New York 94
Golden State 105 Detroit 97
Memphis 96 L.A. Clippers 85

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Pittsburgh	28	20	8	0	103	79	40
New Jersey	27	13	9	5	70	77	31
NY Rangers	26	13	11	2	65	64	28
NY Islanders	27	12	12	3	79	88	27
Philadelphia	28	12	15	1	77	87	25

NORTHEAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Montreal	27	18	5	4	88	69	40
Boston	25	18	4	3	76	54	39
Ottawa	27	13	8	6	64	58	32
Toronto	28	15	12	1	82	78	31
Buffalo	27	10	14	3	70	84	23

SOUTHEAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Carolina	26	15	10	1	81	72	31
Winnipeg	27	14	11	2	71	77	30
Washington	26	11	14	1	72	78	23
Tampa Bay	27	11	15	1	88	83	23
Florida	28	7	15	6	67	105	20

Note: A team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OL (other loss) column.

Thursday's results

Boston 4 Florida 1
Pittsburgh 3 Toronto 1
Washington 3 Carolina 2
Chicago 2 Columbus 1 (SO)
NY Islanders 2 Tampa Bay 0
Winnipeg 3 NY Rangers 1
St. Louis 3 Phoenix 0
Minnesota 5 Colorado 3
Anaheim 2 Dallas 1 (SO)
Nashville at Vancouver
Los Angeles at San Jose

Wednesday's results

Montreal 4 Ottawa 3 (SO)
New Jersey 5 Philadelphia 2
Calgary 5 Detroit 2

Friday's games

All Times Eastern

New Jersey at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Nashville at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Detroit at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Chicago	27	22	2	3	87	59	47
St. Louis	27	15	10	2	83	79	32
Detroit	27	12	10	5	70	71	29
Nashville	26	11	9	6	58	61	28
Columbus	28	10	12	6	63	76	26

NORTHWEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Vancouver	25	12	7	6	68	68	30
Minnesota	26	14	10	2	64	64	30
Edmonton	26	10	11	5	64	76	25
Calgary	25	10	11	4	69	84	24
Colorado	26	10	12	4	65	78	24

PACIFIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Anaheim	26	20	3	3	89	64	43
Los Angeles	25	14	9	2	73	65	30
Phoenix	27	13	11	3	77	77	29
San Jose	25	11	8	6	58	61	28
Dallas	26	12	11	3	68	73	27

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Saturday's games

D.C. at New York, 12:30 p.m.
Chicago at Kansas City, 3 p.m.
Toronto FC at Montreal, 4 p.m.
New England at Philadelphia, 5 p.m.
San Jose at Columbus, 5:30 p.m.
Colorado at Real Salt Lake, 6 p.m.
Portland at Seattle, 8 p.m.

Sunday's games

Houston at FC Dallas, 1 p.m.
Chivas USA at Los Angeles, 5 p.m.

UEFA

EUROPA LEAGUE

Thursday's results

Inter Milan (Italy) 4 Tottenham Hotspur (England) 1 (extra time)
(aggregate 4-4; Tottenham Hotspur advances 1-0 on away goals)
Rubin Kazan (Russia) 2 Levante (Spain) 0 (extra time)
(Rubin Kazan advances on 2-0 aggregate)
Zenit St. Petersburg (Russia) 1 FC Basel (Switzerland) 0
(FC Basel advances on 2-1 aggregate)



Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

Something you are told today may cause you to wonder if someone you thought was a friend is actually an enemy. Before you jump to conclusions make sure you have all the evidence.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Life can be easy or life can be hard – it all depends on the outlook you choose to adopt. Attitude is everything: the right attitude can make even the most difficult set of circumstances look easy.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

You may not know why you distrust a work colleague but you know better than to ignore your instincts. If you don't want to get involved in what they are suggesting it is your right to say "No" and walk away.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Wisdom is not a destination but a journey. With that thought in mind don't fall into the trap of thinking you know it all today. Keep an open mind and you might learn something that gives you an advantage.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Don't fight change today because it will lead to something better. Yes, in the short-term it may be painful, but in the long-term it will benefit you in numerous ways.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Is there something you can do to make a loved one feel better about a difficult situation? A few words of comfort could be all it takes to give them the strength to battle against the odds – and win.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Let the world know what you think today, even if you worry that it might provoke a negative reaction. The truth should never be hidden or denied, so speak your mind and ignore those who don't like it.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You can do your reputation a world of good today by passing up the chance to get even with someone who has let you down. They may deserve a slap on the wrist but they're not worth the effort.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Other people may not be as quick off the mark as you today but that does not mean they are stupid. On the contrary, by taking things slower they are less likely to make mistakes.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You are at odds with someone over a serious issue and before the day is over there will be some harsh words flying around. Clear the air by all means but avoid making hasty decisions. Cool down a bit first.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You must look brave on the outside even though you may be scared on the inside. Believe it or not you are close to making a success of something you thought was going to fail big time.

Pisces

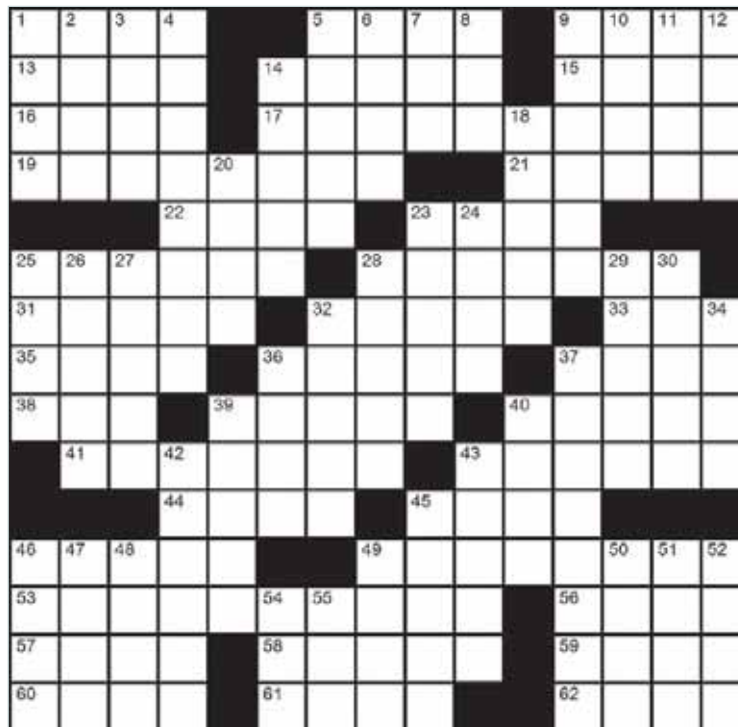
Feb. 20 - March 20

There is nothing you cannot do: your potential is unlimited. Whether or not you believe that is true does not matter – what matters is that you act as if it is true. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

- The ___ of March
- Actor Mr. MacLachlan
- Place to skate
- Wood-for-furniture
- How canned seafood can be packed: 2 wds.
- Rhyme scheme
- Song in '65's "The Sound of Music": "Climb ___ Mountain"
- Klondike Gold Rush hub: 2 wds.
- ___-style bagels
- Theatre lane
- Horse coat style
- Actors Ed or Keenan
- Hamilton's football team, familiarly
- Canadian journalist Valerie; also one of a chip brand
- Island near the Statue of Liberty
- Like a leaf's pattern
- Meal morsel
- "The ___ King" (1994)
- Shopping places
- ___ butter (Beauty product ingredient)
- Washroom, for short
- Religious orders
- Sugar ___ (Sap-to-syrup spot)
- Juno-winning singer Ms. Cox
- Juno-winning singer, Keshia ___
- Jealousy
- Weaving machine



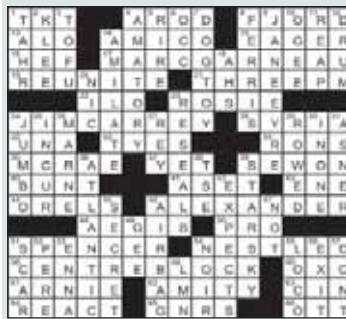
- The Phantom of the ___
- Toronto-born cartoonist Joe Shuster's co-creation
- Irish stage show that made Michael Flatley a star
- Dancer in "Return of the Jedi" (1983)
- Time: German

- Margaret Atwood novel, ___ Grace
- Ranks like Klingers on "M*A*S*H", for short
- Finds in mines
- Baseball gear
- Singer Alicia

- "Whip It" band with tiered hats
- Garner
- Mode of transport in Vancouver
- "Wavin' Flag" singer
- Bellow
- Fleur-de-___ [var. sp.]
- "Strange Magic" gr.
- Motorsport activity

- Sacred ___ (Revered bird in ancient Egypt)
- 'N' in NHL, for short
- Showbiz star Danny
- Concepts
- "___ McPhee" (2005)
- Turns to compost
- Legal documents
- Yangs counterparts
- "Live to ___" by Madonna
- Homer's epic poem
- Sort of spice
- City in Australia
- Actress Lindsay
- Put up a building
- Holiday, slang-style
- Choose
- "Jeopardy!" creator Mr. Griffin
- St. Patrick's Day symbol
- Submarine instrument
- It might be laced
- Artist-style hats
- Makes do
- Star Wars creator George
- Rice-shaped pasta
- ___ 1 Imports
- Songstress Ms. Sands
- Miffed state
- Sulk
- Friendly nation
- It's in northern BC, ___ River
- Lightly apply
- Wing-like part

Yesterday's Crossword

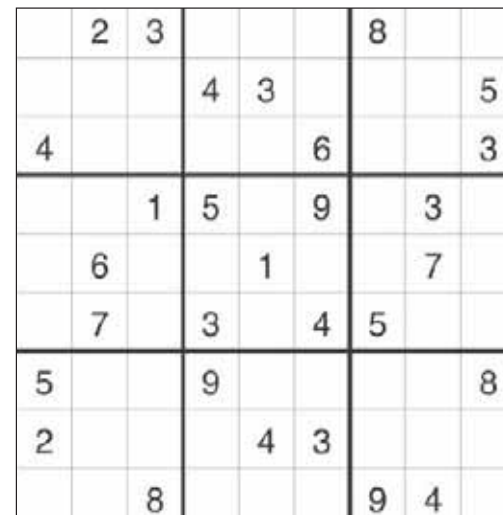


Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku



Weather

TODAY



MAX: -9°
MIN: -9°

SATURDAY



MAX: -10°
MIN: -12°

SUNDAY

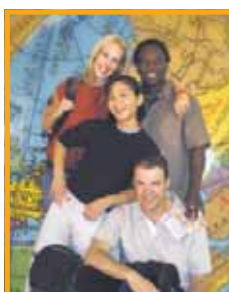


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